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Above: A table displays photos and mementos of Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Allen Ashley at his memorial service held Thursday in the chapel on U.S. Naval Base Guam. Ashley died from injuries sustained when the submarine USS San Francisco ran aground south of Guam on Jan. 8.

Left: Rear Adm. David Gove, commander of Submarine Group 7, gives opening remarks at the service.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

Military

Missile defense system: The Pentagon may never publicly declare that its new missile defense system is fully ready to defend against long-range missiles aimed at the United States, but it already has a limited capability against a small-scale attack, a Pentagon official said Thursday.

The Bush administration's goal was to activate the system by the end of 2004.

"We haven't made a declaration that we are now hereby operational," said Larry Di Rita, spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

At some point, the interceptor missiles will be placed on permanent alert — a condition in which they will be capable of being fired from their silos at any time.

Military recruiters at schools: The Justice Department said it will ask the Supreme Court to overturn an appeals court's ruling that would allow colleges and universities to limit the activities of military recruiters on their campuses without fear of losing federal funding.

Government lawyers also asked the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday to stay enforcement of its ruling until the Supreme Court decides whether or not to take the case.

Immediate implementation of the ruling, they argued, could harm the nation's military readiness by making it harder to hire the huge teams of lawyers needed for issues related to operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Nation

Marine shot by police: Police said Friday that a young Marine who was killed by police after he shot and killed an officer and wounded another was also a gang member who had recorded a videotaped insult to President Bush before he died.

Andres Raya, 19, was killed Sunday after he initiated a second gunfight with police as they pursued him for the earlier shooting, authorities said.

A toxicology report found that he had a significant amount of cocaine in his bloodstream, police said.

Robert Blake trial: An expert witness said he did not find any blood on the clothing that Robert Blake wore the night his wife was shot to death, but prosecutors said that doesn't eliminate the actor as a suspect.

Rod Englert, a crime scene reconstructionist, testified he was asked to analyze Blake's clothes and those of Bonny Lee Bakley to determine the blood patterns left by

two gunshot wounds to her head and shoulder.

He said Friday that he did numerous tests on the actor's clothes and found not a speck of blood on his T-shirt, jeans, boots, socks or belt.

Vibe Awards fight: The rapper Young Buck pleaded not guilty Friday to an assault charge for allegedly stabbing a man during a melee at the Vibe Awards after Dr. Dre was punched.

The 23-year-old Buck, whose given name is David Darnell Brown, is accused of stabbing Jimmy James Johnson in retaliation after Johnson allegedly punched Dre, Brown's mentor, during the Nov. 15 taping of the show.

Faith-based grants: A judge has blocked the Bush administration from providing four "faith-based" grants to an Arizona mentoring group, MentorKids USA, that injected religion into its publicly funded programs.

The ruling is the first time a judge has struck down a grant through the president's faith-based initiative, which seeks to give religious groups equal footing in seeking federal grants to provide social services.

Chicago nightclub shooting: A bouncer who was shot at a nightclub after a patron was denied entry is the third victim to die from his injuries, authorities said.

Eugene Walker, 24, died Thursday night, said the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Police continue to investigate the Saturday shooting that began when a patron was denied entry into Cafe Allure.

N.Y. gay marriage case: Attorneys for 25 same-sex couples seeking the right to marry said Friday that New York's opposition to gay marriage is akin to the mentality that once allowed slavery and discrimination against women and minorities.

"The basis of the [the state's] position is that it goes against tradition. If tradition carried on, we would still have slavery," said Mariette Gekkenhuy, one of the attorneys for the same-sex couples.

The 25 couples applied for marriage licenses early in 2004 and were turned down by the Itasca city clerk, who was following a state Health Department advisory.

Sept. 11 fraud case: A man who collected \$68,000 by falsely claiming his domestic partner died in the 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center has pleaded guilty to grand theft.

Patric Henn, 29, entered his plea Wednesday, without a deal from prosecutors. He ad-

mitted making up the story to steal from the American Red Cross.

Henn could face up to 15 years in prison at sentencing scheduled for Jan. 19.

WTC funding: Developer Larry Silverstein was given authorization Tuesday by the New York City Industrial Development Agency to borrow an additional \$75 million through tax-exempt Liberty Bonds for the 7 World Trade Center project, which is set to open next year.

Two years ago, Silverstein won preliminary approval for \$400 million in Liberty Bonds, but had to come back to the agency because of higher interest costs and a lower insurance payout than he expected.

World

China, Taiwan charter flights: China and Taiwan struck a deal Saturday to allow the first direct flights between the rivals in five decades — a major breakthrough that could help reduce tensions in one of Asia's most dangerous potential flash points.

The agreement allows a total 48 round-trip charter flights to carry Taiwanese working in China home and back during the Chinese New Year holiday next month, Chinese negotiator Pu Zhaoshou told reporters.

Taiwan has banned the direct flights since the Communists won a bloody civil war in 1949 and took over the mainland.

N. Korea nuclear talks: The head of a U.S. congressional delegation said Saturday he was encouraged by North Korea's apparent readiness to return to talks on its nuclear programs, and called meetings with the North's officials more positive than expected.

"They are ready to get back to substantive discussions," Republican Rep. Curt Weldon said in Beijing. "Nothing is off the table."

Weldon said they met with North Korea's No. 2 leader, Kim Jong Nam; Foreign Minister Park Nam Sun; and Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan during their three-day visit.

War on terrorism

Gitmo review tribunals: U.S. military review tribunals have ordered 13 more detainees to remain in custody at the camp for terrorist suspects in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, an official said Friday.

Review tribunals determined the men were correctly classified as "enemy combatants," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Daryl Borgquist, a Pentagon spokesman.

The Combatant Status Review Tribunals have ordered only two prisoners released or transferred to other countries from the U.S. Naval base.

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Naval testing new uniforms at Japan bases

BY JIM O'DONNELL
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — For many servicemenbers, little inspires more dread than the voice of a superior officer beckoning them to stand "front and center" for a lecture on uniform standards.

But deviating from those standards is part of the job until later this year for 100 Yokosuka sailors — from Commander Fleet Activities Japan and Commander Naval Forces Japan — who are wear-testing four new uniforms for the chief of Naval Operations' Task Force Uniform initiative.

Along with other volunteers from Naval bases worldwide, the Yokosuka sailors will report their likes, dislikes or comments they get from fellow sailors about the uniforms, according to Chief Petty Officer Deborah Simmons, a military representative for the task force.

Simmons was at Yokosuka's Fleet Recreation Center on Friday morning with members of the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility, to distribute the uniforms for the six-month test period.

The Navy is testing two variants: one service and one working uniform. Yokosuka is testing the service variant, while Atsugi Naval Air Facility is testing the working variant, a blue and gray camouflage uniform sailors received Tuesday.

Last week's uniform distribution was part of a process that began more than a year ago in response to concerns from sailors about uniform regulations and requirements, a Navy news release stated. In 2003, a survey of more than 40,000 Navy personnel found that sailors E-6 and below were the Navy group least satisfied with their current service uniforms. Some reasons given for the dissatisfaction included perceived imprac-

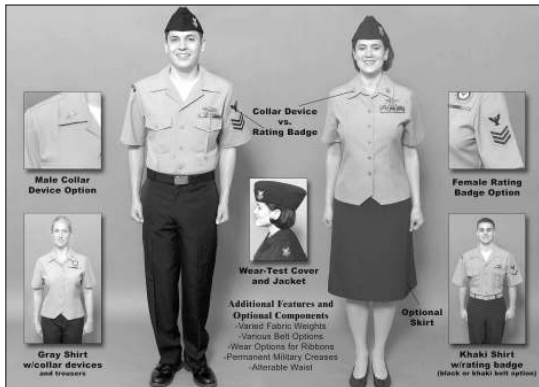


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Donna Zlotnick, left, a senior clothing designer at the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility, checks Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelly Sandhu's skirt for proper fit at Friday's service uniform distribution at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

tacticality of white uniforms, unflattering and non-functional designs, unprofessional appearance in comparison to other services and requirements for seasonal change.

The current Navy service uniforms for sailors E-6 and below feature an all-white, short-sleeved shirt worn during warmer months and an all-black, long-sleeved shirt for winter. The test uniforms the Yokosuka sailors received to wear instead are designed to be worn year-round.



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The sailors received four uniform sets, designated A, B, C and D. Shirts in each set are either khaki or gray, and have rank insignia either sewn on or pinned to the collar. Men received four pairs of navy-blue pants, while women received two pairs of pants and two skirts.

Wear-test participants also received an identification card to be carried whenever they are in the new uniforms as proof they are participating in the task force tests and a guide with photos and descriptions of how the variables may be put together. The guide gives the sailors specific instructions on care and contains a schedule of which uniform set to wear each day, said Donna Zlotnick, a senior clothing designer at the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility.

"The user guide gives them everything from uniform configurations to pictures on how the uniforms look," Zlotnick said. The schedule — in calendar form — helps ensure the sets get even wear, she said.

"I personally think it is an exciting time," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Greg Vidauri, a Navy Career Counselor and Yokosuka's point man for the task force. "We have about 229 years of history in our uniforms right now," and a multitude of uniforms, he said. "By having one service uniform you can wear year-round. I think it will cut down on space, time and maintenance."

He said he was glad the sailors will be involved with the uniform decision.

"I think it's nice that our sailors have a voice in what their uniforms are going to be, instead of someone just telling them 'this is what you are wearing,'" he said.

Petty Officer 1st Class Gabriel Batianella, one of the wear-testers, also is happy sailors are getting input.

On first impression, he said he likes the new uniforms because he feels they're more professional. As for color preference between the gray and khaki shirts, he said, "I think the gray looks great, but I like them both. I am looking forward to the day when we actually walk around and wear this thing."

Designer Zlotnick predicted that most of the participating Yokosuka sailors would be wearing the test uniforms by the end of the month.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Tomika Hallaway said she's looking forward to wearing her test sets, adding that she especially likes that the new female overalls are not tucked in.

"The uniforms are really nice. I feel more feminine in them [not] having to worry about tucking your shirt in," she said. Her favorite variation, she added, is the khaki shirt with collar insignia.

"You don't have to worry about changing patches every time you advance," said Hallaway. "You

can just change collar devices, it's more convenient."

The test uniforms "fit wonderfully and they're comfortable," said Petty Officer 1st Class Shelly Griffith. "I think it's going to be a lot easier to take care of them."

She said she wouldn't miss the old uniforms.

"The whites are see-through, the blues fade out, and we have a lot more uniform items that you have to constantly replace, giving junior personnel a lot of expenses that they really don't need to incur," she said.

Petty Officer 1st Class Linda Wood said her preference lies with the "B" and "C" uniform sets — the ones requiring pants instead of skirts.

"I have always favored the pants [with the current uniform]," she said. "It's going to be different wearing the skirts because [now] skirts are optional ... but it will put me into the skirts now. Every other day, I'll be in a skirt, so that should be different. But I am still looking forward to it."

Task Force Uniform representative Simmons dismisses criticism that the new service uniforms look too much like the Marine Corps uniform or too much like the current utility uniform.

"Don't pre-judge the uniform until you see the sailors in them," she advised. "See the people in them, talk to them, see how they

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Hundreds pay respects to sailor killed in sub accident

BY FRANK WHITMAN
Special to Stars and Stripes

About 500 people attended a memorial service Thursday for Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Ashley, who died in injuries suffered when the submarine USS San Francisco ran aground Jan. 8.

Those attending the service, held in the chapel on U.S. Naval Base Guam, included fellow crewmembers, other members of Submarine Squadron 15 and their families.

"It was standing-room only,"

said Lt. Commander Jeff Davis, spokesman for Pacific Submarine Force.

Cmdr. Kevin Mooney, commanding officer of the USS San Francisco, and Rear Adm. David Gove, commander of Submarine Group 7, paid tribute to Ashley during the ceremony.

"[Ashley] dedicated himself to San Francisco, our Navy and our great country. By so doing, he earned the love, honor, trust and respect of his shipmates," said Mooney. "Although our hearts ache and we miss him, we thank God for the time together. We

also thank Petty Officer Ashley's family for sharing their son and brother with us."

"He touched each of our lives and made a lasting impression in our lives," Mooney added. "As we say goodbye to our shipmate, we take comfort in the knowledge that he lived every day to the fullest and left a legacy of dedicated service any man could be proud of."

Gove also spoke of Ashley's commitment to the Navy and to the country.

"Petty Officer Joseph Ashley knew, as the rest of the San Francisco crew knows today, that

what they do is important," Gove said. "Hard work and training really matters. That's why Joseph was out there with his shipmates, getting it done, making a difference and ensuring all our safety and freedom are secured."

Members of Ashley's family were present at the ceremony, but photos and a video recording of the memorial will be sent to them along with Ashley's personal effects, Davis said.

The San Francisco, a Los Angeles-class, fast-attack submarine, apparently struck an uncharted underwater mound about 350 nau-

tical miles south of Guam. Twenty-three sailors were reported injured in the incident. In a videotape of the memorial ceremony shot by the Navy and shown on local Guam television, sailors in attendance could be seen using crutches and wearing a neck brace.

Ashley, 24, from Akron, Ohio, enlisted in the Navy in 2001 and reported to the USS San Francisco as a machinist's mate in February 2002. He was a recipient of the National Defense Service Medal and was selected as Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2004.

DODEA trains students how to use Web safely

BY GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Officials with the Department of Defense Education Activity want their students to learn what's good, bad and ugly about the Internet.

To protect students from the dark side of the Net, all DODEA and Department of Defense Dependents Schools worldwide are using a new program designed to make Internet use safer, said Peter Grenier, DODDS-Pacific spokesman.

Ernest J. King High School assistant principal George Man said Thursday DODDS will use iSAFE (Internet Safety Education Program) America Inc., a nonprofit foundation whose mission is to educate and empower youth to safely and re-

sponsibly take control of their Internet experiences.

The program provides students with the knowledge to recognize and avoid dangerous, destructive or unlawful behavior and to respond appropriately, according to the iSAFE America Web site.

Grenier said all the DODDS-Pacific staff should be trained by February. Congress has designated iSAFE America to bring Internet safety awareness to the youth of the nation.

The iSAFE program is being taught to more than 103,000 DODEA students in 15 countries, according to the Web site.

In addition to the DODEA schools, iSAFE is being adopted in 35 states. Man said, "Our assistant principals just finished the training, and during the last semester we expect to start implementing the lesson

with students based on their grade levels," Man added.

General Internet use by students is monitored and filters block certain sites known for inappropriate content, he added. Students aren't allowed access to private e-mail accounts from the school's computers. "There's no way we can monitor accounts like Yahoo! and Hotmail. That's why we use the Goggle.net."

Each student receives a Goggle.net e-mail account accessed through a Web browser, Man said, and each teacher receives a master account. The teacher accounts give access to the special monitoring and control sections within the Goggle Network. They can view the contents of a student's e-mail, and review any message the students have sent or received.

Teachers have the ability to suspend a

student's account and change their password and screen name, Man said.

In addition, the King assistant principal conducted some training for the King High School staff on Wednesday.

"One thing we talked about is something called 'phishing' where they use very good graphics to make a page look like a credit card company's page and steal people's account numbers... and sometimes thousands of dollars," he said.

"That's what adults have to face out there. Imagine what children need to know to guard against predators and pedophiles. They need to know how to protect themselves," Man added.

The iSAFE lessons start for students in late February. To learn more about iSAFE America, the Web site is at www.isafe.org.

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Student's knowledge of world geography put to the test

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Fifth-grader Edwin Callendar couldn't wipe the smile from his face Friday after winning Sollars Elementary School's National Geographic Bee.

"If you traveled from the Caribbean to Japan, you could save thousands of miles by going through what canal?"

With two grandfathers living in Panama, Callendar barely passed before writing down the winning answer to edge out fourth-grader Joseph Woodcock.

"The only reason I got the Panama question is I'm from Panama," Callendar said after the assembly. "That's the only canal I know."

Callendar beat eight fellow students in grades four through six to stay alive in the national competition. On Wednesday, he'll take a written geography test that will be sent to National Geographic Society headquarters. He'll be graded against other school finalists in grades four through eight throughout Department of Defense Dependents Schools, said Sollars' special studies teacher Lelia Huffman, who organized her school's bee.

The top 10 DODDS students will take another written test, and the winner will represent DODDS in the National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C., May 24 to 25.

The national champion walks away with a \$15,000 college scholarship, \$500 in cash and a chance to play on Teen Jeopardy.

"DODDS kids have an advantage of living in another country. Still, some may only see Asia, some may only see Europe," Huffman said. "This whole thing is to give every child an opportunity to be more of a world citizen, to understand the world and how geography relates to the world."

The society, on its Web site, www.nationalgeographic.com, states the contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, to spark student interest and to increase public awareness.

It's the second year Sollars has



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Edwin Callendar, a fifth-grader at Sollars Elementary School at Misawa Air Base, Japan, is all smiles after winning the National Geographic Bee.

participated in the geography bee. Schools must register with National Geographic Society for \$50, and the society provides questions, written tests, rules and other contest materials.

The nine finalists on stage at Sollars on Friday were the top geography experts in their grade and nabbed a spot in the school's championship. Some said they studied hard for the competition, devouring packets of past years' test questions and participating in classroom study groups.

"It is fun, but it's a lot of work to study," said sixth-grader and bee finalist Austin Van Hoesen, who estimated he hit the books about an hour a day every other day for several weeks.

Contestants were allowed to miss two answers. They had 15 seconds per question. Van Hoesen was stumped by this question: The Delmarva Peninsula includes Delaware and parts of Virginia and what other state? Answer: Maryland.

"I wished I had studied more," Van Hoesen said. "I should have listened to my parents."

Nerves appeared to get the better of some pupils. There were deep sighs and anxious twitching on stage. Van Hoesen said it was the first time he stood at a microphone. With his parents and their friends in the audience, not to mention almost half the student body, teachers and a panel of two military judges and a timekeeper, "it's pretty nervous," he said.

Contestants received a certificate of participation and prizes. Huffman, who credited her principal, Tom LaRue, for giving her time to organize the bee, hopes more students will partici-

pate next year.

"I am thrilled with the kids' interest," she said. "Now that they've seen how fun it can be, I

hope that they really decide 'I'm going to be involved.'"

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USS Essex changes course, will aid in South Asia relief

BY GREG TYLER
Stars and Stripes

Deployed in the North Arabian Gulf the past four months, the USS Essex shifted its mission last week and steamed toward Indonesia. The Navy reported, to assist with humanitarian efforts in the aftermath of an earthquake and tsunamis that devastated South Asia coastlines on Dec. 26.

"I expect that Essex will take her new mission in stride," Capt. J. M. van Tol, the ship's commander, stated in a news release Friday. "It actually may be a welcome, if brief, change from the operations of the past several months. I hope we may do some useful work to help afflicted people in the region."

On its way to its new assignment, the release said, the Essex stopped in Bahrain Harbor and picked up four helicopters that will assist in the humanitarian relief. The MH-53E Sea Dragon heavy-lift helicopters are from the Texas-based Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 15 — the "Blackhawks."

The Sea Dragons provide the capability for the Essex to transport dozens of personnel and up to 16 tons of cargo.

"Helicopters are helpful because they can land on any open area," stated Capt. Mark Donahue, Amphibious Squadron 11 commander, in another Navy report.

Having the Essex close to the tsunami-ravaged area also brings the benefit of the ship's high-level medical care capabilities, the Navy said.



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Lance Cpl. Chris Seigal, left, helps Seaman Recruit Grigory Severyukhin work aboard the USS Essex on Tuesday.

"The LHD (landing ship, helicopter dock) class has the most capable medical facility of any combatant ship in the Navy," added Donahue. "We have a fleet surgical team embarked. We have a whole lot of medical capability to contribute to the relief efforts."

The Essex is the Navy's only forward-deployed amphibious assault ship and serves as flagship for the Essex Amphibious Ready Group operating from Sasebo Naval Base, Japan. The ARG includes the Essex, USS Harpers

Ferry and USS Juneau — there were no reports of the latter two ships leaving their positions near Iraq.

Meanwhile, according to a separate Navy report, the USS Fort McHenry, an amphibious dock landing ship that also operates from Sasebo, arrived in Indonesia this week with 50 Seabees from the Okinawa-based Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40. Marines from the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa also are supporting efforts with the Fort McHenry.

The Seabees with the Fort McHenry are focused on contingency construction, road clearing and runway repair projects, the report said. Sailors and Marines they accompany are delivering fresh water and other aid as part of Operation Unified Assistance.

During the next few weeks, the report stated, NMCB 40 is likely to deploy more Seabees to provide humanitarian assistance in Indonesia. Petty Officer 2nd Class Jonathan Nelson, a construction electrician from Bravo Company, was part of the first group.

"We have a difficult task ahead of us that will prove to be both physically and mentally demanding on everyone involved," Nelson said in the report.

"If we are able to put the situation into perspective and remember the cause we are supporting, he said, "it will be easier to deal with what we see and hear while we are there."

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U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, center, arrives Saturday in Banda Aceh, Indonesia. Wolfowitz said Washington was eager to hand off the control of operations to the affected nations.

Wolfowitz hopes tsunami missions end 'before March'

BY JIM GOMEZ
The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — The United States is eager to end its military tsunami relief operation as soon as Indonesia and other stricken nations are ready to take over, U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Saturday. As relief and cleanup continued, the United Nations began paying survivors

in Indonesia to clear rubble.

The U.S. military wants "to try as quickly as we can to hand over responsibility to others and especially to the Indonesian government as they're ready to take that on," Wolfowitz said after taking a helicopter tour of Aceh province's ravaged coast and meeting with the country's military chief, Gen. Endriatono Sutarto.

A huge earthquake and the tsunami it spawned killed more than 157,000 people across 11 countries, triggering an unprecedented global response. The United States was quick to deploy thousands of troops to help in the relief effort and American helicopter pilots have made hundreds of flights to deliver aid to Sumatra's coastal communities.

Still, Indonesia has expressed unease with the number of foreign troops on its territory as part of the relief effort and wants them out before the end of March.

Wolfowitz said the U.S. military role would wind down by that deadline.

"I would hope that we would not be needed [in the region] as a military long before March," he said during the flight to Asia, according to a transcript of his remarks released at the Pentagon.

A one-time ambassador to Indonesia, Wolfowitz said cooperation with Jakarta has been very good. When asked if it's possible the tsunami disaster will help bring reconciliation between the military and rebels in Aceh, he said that if the reconstruction is a success, people in Aceh will "see the benefit in being part of Indonesia."

The rebels, who want an independent homeland, have declared a cease-fire, and the government has said it is pursuing a permanent truce. But there has been no word on actual peace talks.



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Graner sentenced to 10 years for abuse

By T.A. BADGER
The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — Army Spc. Charles Graner Jr. was sentenced to 10 years behind bars Saturday for physically and sexually mistreating Iraqis in the first court-martial stemming from the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, an embarrassment to the U.S. military fueled by the release of graphic photographs.

Graner, labeled the leader of a band of rogue guards at the Baghdad prison in late 2003, will be dishonorably discharged when his sentence is completed. He also

Alleged Abu Ghraib ringleader said he was following orders

was demoted to private and ordered to forfeit all pay and benefits.

A day after convicting him, the jury of four Army officers and six senior enlisted men deliberated about two hours to determine Graner's sentence. He could have received 15 years.

Graner, who had been free prior to trial, was taken into custody after the sentence was read.

Graner was accused of stacking naked prisoners in a human

pyramid and later ordering them to masturbate while other soldiers took photographs. He also allegedly punched one man in the head hard enough to knock him out and struck an injured prisoner with a collapsible metal stick.

Under military court rules, Graner's case will be automatically appealed to the Army Court of Criminal Appeals. He also could request clemency from his commanding general.

Graner did not testify during his trial, but during the sentencing

phase Saturday he took the witness stand to repeat the defense claim that the jury clearly rejected: that he had been ordered by intelligence agents at Abu Ghraib to abuse the prisoners to make them easier to interrogate.

Graner said he initially resisted pressure to mistreat prisoners, but his Army superiors made it clear to him that he was expected to obey the commands of the military and civilian intelligence agents who ran his part of Abu Ghraib.

Graner said a lieutenant in his unit told him: "If [military intelligence] asks you to do this, it needs to be done. They're in charge, follow their orders."

Iraqi detainee Hussein Mutar, in videotaped testimony shown as the sentencing phase began Friday evening, said he had supported the U.S.-led invasion to oust Saddam Hussein until he was abused.

"The Americans came to free the Iraqi people from Saddam," Mutar said. "I didn't expect this to happen. This instance changed the entire picture of the American people [for me]."



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'Our house ... our car, everything burned'

Japan grapples with legacy 10 years after deadly Kobe quake

BY JOSEPH COLEMAN

The Associated Press

KOBE, Japan — Masami Kosaka will never forget the date: Jan. 17, 1995, the day a powerful earthquake tore through her home city of Kobe, killing thousands, toppling homes and setting fires that ravaged her working-class neighborhood.

"Our house ... our car, everything burned," Kosaka said, thinking back over the difficult decade since the quake. "The fact that no one in my family died is the only thing I can feel thankful for."

Japan and the world also will look back at the quake Monday, when Kobe marks the 10th anniversary of a tragedy that killed more than 6,400 people, exposed the fragility of the country's cities and triggered a vast overhaul of its disaster response system.

The anniversary will be felt even more deeply against the backdrop of the tsunami catastrophe in the Indian Ocean and a smaller quake in northern Japan last October, which illustrated in horrifying detail nature's awesome ability to destroy.

Kobe city has provided \$9.750 in tsunami relief aid each to Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand, and a recently launched



Residents stand to offer a silent prayer in front of a monument dedicated to the victims of the Kobe earthquake.

drive for private donations has collected \$7,800 so far, officials said.

The city also hosting a U.N. conference on disaster prevention next week which will feature sessions on setting up a tsunami-warning system in the Indian Ocean.

"There are many different kinds of disasters — earthquakes or tsunamis — but when homes are lost and you see the pictures, the feeling is the same," said Hirokazu Miura, a Kobe quake survivor.

The reminders of disaster also highlight the dangers that remain: a Cabinet Office study released in December showed a major quake under Tokyo — the nerve-center of the world's second-largest economy — would dwarf the Kobe tragedy, potentially killing more than 12,000 and destroying \$50,000 homes.

Kobe's suffering was horrifying enough.

The city had been known as a cosmopolitan tourist destination and prized for its graceful 19th century buildings and seaside location until the quake made it a byword for destruction and misery.

The 7.3-magnitude temblor hit at 5:46 a.m. just southwest of Kobe, flattening houses, tearing through office towers and ripping up roads. The vital port area was wrecked, and parts of it sank into liquefied landfill.

Broken gas lines triggered fires that raged through the day, razing entire neighborhoods. The human toll was tremendous: in a city of 1 million, 6,433 people were killed. The 43,792 injured overflowed damaged and under-supplied hospitals. Thousands of homeless crowded into school gymnasiums and public buildings; the damage totaled some \$96 billion.



A group of invitees watches a two-story model house being shook by a three-dimensional, full-scale earthquake-testing facility.

World's largest earthquake simulator unveiled

TOKYO — Japanese researchers on Saturday unveiled the world's largest earthquake simulator designed to help save lives in future temblors, just days before the 10th anniversary of the devastating Kobe earthquake.

The machine will educate people on how to build homes and offices more capable of withstanding the destructive power generated by the movement of the earth's crust, said Takahito Inoue of the Hyogo Earthquake Engineering Research Center.

The government-funded research institute boasts a concrete slab a little shorter than a basketball court that can simulate the force of earthquakes. It will allow experts to study what makes buildings collapse when earthquakes strike and what helps them stay together.

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World officials participate in bioterror game

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The imaginary patients started stumbling into emergency rooms in Munich and Frankfurt, then Istanbul and Los Angeles, and within hours after the start of a war game Friday, Western intelligence agencies concluded that there had been a choreographed attack on numerous cities by terrorists wielding smallpox pathogens.

By mid-afternoon, health experts realized that millions of people worldwide would soon be agonizing deaths, World Health Organization or at least people posing as them — who were assembled at a mock Washington summit Friday interrupted each other and waived their arms as they debated potential real-life choices. Perhaps the most impor-

tant: Would wealthy nations that possess smallpox vaccine share it with their unprepared neighbors? The exercise, called Atlantic Storm, featured former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright as the U.S. president and eight current or former high-ranking officials of America's European allies — such as Britain, France and Germany — role-playing as the prime ministers of their respective countries.

In the war-game scenario, they were gathered for a routine Washington summit to discuss problems such as the global response to the South Asian tsunami and when emerged of a rampaging virus outbreak. An al-Qaida offshoot had constructed the pathogens in an Austrian brewery and had released them at a dozen sites.

Within hours of the first victims being di-

agnosed with smallpox, riots developed on the Polish border with Germany, whose border guards barred entry to nearby everyone. The Germans had enough vaccine to protect all their citizens, while the Poles had enough for only 5 percent of theirs.

This real-life distinction between the nations with sufficient smallpox vaccines and those with far too little was a key element of the day's events. In reality, the United States, Britain, France, Germany, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Israel and Singapore can vaccinate 100 percent of their residents, while Canada and Japan, for example, have enough vaccine for about 20 percent of theirs, and Turkey for just 1 percent.

Turkey — which in the war game had suffered an attack at the bazaar in Istanbul — was urgently requesting vaccine for all its 70 million residents.

Throughout the day, France's prime minister — played by former French health minister Bernard Kouchner, a physician — continually told the summit members that they were moving much too slowly in reaching consensus on policy matters.

Perhaps the starkest lesson of the war game — which was sponsored by Johns Hopkins University and the University of Pittsburgh, among other organizations — was that there is no playbook anywhere to guide international leaders on how to handle the few extra doses of vaccine, or even who would make such decisions.

By the end of the day, the participants agreed that the World Health Organization should handle the job, but Albright said that, as a U.S. president pressured by constituents that mistrust the United Nations, she agreed to that only reluctantly.

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Bush: Social Security heading for bankruptcy

BY TERENCE HUNT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Saturday that Social Security "is on the road to bankruptcy" and will be unable to pay promised benefits to future generations, raising the stakes in a major political battle with Democrats.

Bush used his weekly radio address to try to build support for his plan to allow workers to divert part of their Social Security payroll taxes into private investment accounts. Democrats accuse him of exaggerating the problem to

sell a plan that would scale back Social Security.

Bush said the cost of fixing the system grows larger each year, and he quoted Social Security trustees as saying that waiting just one year would add \$600 billion to the price of a solution.

"If we do not act now, govern-



Bush

ment will eventually be left with two choices: dramatically reduce benefits or impose a massive economically ruinous tax increase," the president said. "Leaving our children with such a mess would be a generational betrayal."

According to experts, in the year 2018 Social Security will start paying out more in benefits than it collects in payroll taxes. In 2042, it will be able to cover only about 73 percent of benefits owed, unless changes are made.

Democrats countered Bush's arguments in their address an hour later. Sen. Debbie Stabenow

of Michigan said her party is waiting for a detailed proposal from Bush. But she said one White House memo suggests he wants to cut benefits for future workers by up to 45 percent.

"The benefit cuts would apply to all seniors — even those who choose not to invest in privatized accounts," Stabenow contended.

Social Security does face long-term challenges, she said, but private insurance isn't the answer.

"America's insurance policy was never meant to be a privatized 401(k) plan or a high-risk in-

vestment," she said. "It was meant to be the secure foundation for your retirement."

Stabenow said Congress should promote savings by individuals to supplement Social Security. "Too few Americans are saving for their future, and we must address that," she said.

Bush said the system is sound for people nearing retirement and current retirees. "But for younger workers, Social Security is on the road to bankruptcy. And if we do not fix it now, the system will not be able to pay the benefits promised to our children and grandchildren," he added.

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Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

King III seeks to share legacy with the world

BY LOUISE CHU

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Martin Luther King III has devoted most of his life to carrying on his father's work, and he took another step when he signed on to lead an organization founded to keep the civil rights leader's legacy alive.

One year after leaving the Southern Christian Leadership Conference amid internal conflicts and doubts about its future, King says he feels "at home" leading the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, and is working on bringing his late father's message to a world audience.

"To take over as the president was a great honor and gave me a great opportunity to look at the work from a global standpoint," King told The Associated Press in an interview Friday. "SCLC was more regional and national; the center's work is global."

The King Center was founded in 1968 to carry on the legacy of the slain civil rights figure, who led the charge toward equality for blacks during the 1950s and '60s using principles of nonviolence. Last year, Martin Luther

Martin Luther King III

King III's younger brother, Dexter Scott King, resigned as president and chief executive of the organization to pursue media and entertainment opportunities in California.

Meanwhile, the eldest King child left his position as president of the SCLC, the activist organization his father co-founded and led before his death. The group, once at the forefront of the movement, was plagued with infighting, and its board often clashed with King. He was suspended from the SCLC presidency for seven days in 2001 after the board complained that he was ineffective and mostly absent.

King attributed many of the problems to "generational issues" between older members who disagreed with younger

Martin Luther King Jr.

members' attempts to redefine the group in a changing political landscape.

Infighting only intensified in the past year, as the SCLC went through several leadership changes before it chose its current president, former Alabama state Sen. Charles Steele Jr., in November.

"The SCLC is going to be fine, but it's going to take some time to rebuild," King said. "Organizations every now and then must have a leadership change as well as board changes, and I think the organization is trying to do that right now — address its own internal issues."

King looks forward to working with the SCLC again one day, adding that "it's still very much needed as an activist organization."

Son says King's widow moved after burglaries

BY LOUISE CHU

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow moved from the home she bought with her late husband in 1965 after a series of burglaries, including one by a man who later confessed to killing several women in the neighborhood, her eldest son said Friday.

Coretta Scott King, 77, moved in 1965 to a new condominium in Atlanta's upscale Buckhead neighborhood, Martin Luther King III said.

The younger King said the condominium was a gift from "a very dear friend," but the Chicago Defender reported this week that Mrs. King's new home was a gift from Oprah Winfrey. A warranty deed lists the buyer as Overground Railroad LLC, a company that is owned by Winfrey for real estate transactions.

The family home in southwest Atlanta's Vine City neighborhood had a couple of minor break-ins during the early 1990s, but the family decided it was time to move its matriarch after the third break-in.

Election turnout in '04 highest since 1968

BY BRIAN FALER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The final numbers are in — and turnout in the 2004 presidential election, it seems, was a bit more impressive than previously believed.

The Committee for the Study of the American Electorate reported Friday that more than 122 million people voted in the November election, a number that translates into the highest turnout — 60.7 percent — since 1968.

President Bush officially won 62,028,719 votes, which was 50.8 percent of the ballots cast and 11.5 million more than he won in 2000.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., took 48.3 percent, or 59,028,550 votes. That was about 8 million more than Al Gore won in 2000.

Independent Ralph Nader won 40,513 votes, less than 0.4 percent of the total. In 2004, he won more than 28 million votes.

Turnout was 64.4 percent higher than in 2000, the largest uptick in voter participation since the 1952 election.

The numbers are a bit higher than the research group's initial estimates, which were based on unofficial tallies and released days after the election.

The organization also found that Kerry ran behind his party's statewide candidates — governors and senators — who were up for election in 30 of 37 states. Bush farmed much better, winning fewer votes than Republican candidates in just 16 of 37 states.

The report noted that, although turnout rose, new heights more than 78 million Americans who were eligible to vote stayed home on Election Day.

The group estimated that Bush won just 30.8 percent of the total eligible voters.

The civil rights issue for the 21st century — the wealth gap

BY DEEPTI HAJELA

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shawn Baldwin, who recently started his own brokerage and asset management firm, was in a tough spot. He needed clients but had a track record as an underwriter but, like many young black professionals in the financial sector, experience and education wasn't enough. He needed contacts and access to top decision-makers.

Baldwin, 38, got his break in 2002 through the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who introduced him to executives at Citibank. He soon got his first underwriting contract and leveraged it into two others.

He projects his Chicago-based company will do 40 deals in the first half of 2005 alone.

For many minorities, access to capital remains elusive. Forty years after the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, decades after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. brought economic disparity to wide attention, economic equality is the paramount civil rights issue, advocates say.

Fewer blacks than whites own their houses, get fair loans, invest in the stock market, sit on corporate boards or have any real contact over much of the trillions of dollars being funneled into mutual funds, pension plans and the markets.

"Very real gains have been made on some parts of the economic front and the education front and most particularly on the job front," said Thomas Shapiro, professor at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at

Brandeis University. "But those gains are being reversed through widening racial wealth gaps."

Wealth is different from the money in your paycheck. It's your investments in stocks and mutual funds and pension plans and 401(k)s, the equity you've gained from paying the mortgage on your home, assets you can use to pay for education, fund your retirement, or leave an inheritance to help future generations.

And wealth has been very difficult for blacks as a group to accumulate. There are historical reasons — slavery, laws that kept them from education, housing and good jobs — as well as persistent discrimination in getting mortgages, business and other loans.

"The biggest problem is that we've been kicked off to a large degree from capital," Baldwin said.

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AFN satellite failure

The signal from a satellite that helps deliver American Forces Network programming in the Pacific went down Saturday morning, prompting the service to use an alternate broadcast schedule, according to a news release from U.S. Forces Korea.

The failure, which happened at 8:10 a.m., affected all AFN radio, television and cable networks, the statement said. AFN officials switched to a secondary satellite, which required AFN stations to broadcast different shows from those previously scheduled.

As of Saturday afternoon, the reason for the failure was unknown and no estimate was available for when primary service would be restored, the statement said.

From staff reports

Campbell revealed in Rio

Wardrobe malfunction or fashion statement? That's what Brazilians were left wondering Thursday, a day after Naomi Campbell paraded with her breasts bared at Fashion Rio — a weeklong event of fall/winter collections, which ends Friday in Rio de Janeiro.

Campbell kicked off the fashion show for the TNG label in a simple white flower print dress, topped with a white mink stole.

But less than halfway down the runway, the sleeveless deep V-neck dress proved more revealing than perhaps designer Tito Bessa had intended. It wasn't clear if a strap or button had come undone or whether it simply fit Campbell loosely.

Following the fashion show, neither Campbell nor Bessa were talking.



Campbell

Back to turn the Midnight Oil

Australian rock star-turned-lawmaker Peter Garrett will reprise his role as lead singer of Midnight Oil for a fund-raising concert to support tsunami victims.

The Wave Aid concert, to be held Jan. 29 in Sydney, will feature a number of Australian musicians, it was announced Wednesday.

Concert organizers hope to sell up to 30,000 tickets, which could raise up to \$1.3 million.

The net proceeds from the concert will be donated to a number of Australian charities.



Garrett

Ferrell on football

Actor Will Ferrell empathizes with Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart, who had to decide whether to return to school for his senior season or leave for the National Football League.

Leinart announced Friday that he would return to school.

Ferrell, a USC graduate who often attends practice, was on the sidelines at the Orange Bowl when USC defeated Oklahoma for the national championship earlier this month.

"You know, it's such a tough call. I guess one would argue that his stock will never be higher than it is now in terms of winning the national championship and the Heisman Trophy all in one year," Ferrell told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"But I'm such a purist, I wish guys couldn't leave at all. And yet you can't deny — with the way the rules are now — someone's desire to go and seek compensation for playing."

Leinart was bombarded with both information and opinions.

"It almost seems like an easy decision to people outside of USC. 'Why stay when you can be a top pick?' But it's really a lot harder than it seems to make the decision. There are so many pros and cons to both decisions," he said.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Lookin' like a million dollars, baby



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Actress Hilary Swank ignores advice, taking on another 'tough woman' role

By CHRISTY LEMIRE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hilary Swank received some unsolicited career advice recently from a casting director: Enough with the tough-girl-in-a-man's-world roles. Embrace your inner supermodel.

But Swank seems to be doing just fine making her own decisions, thank you. After winning the best-actress Oscar at 25 for playing the sexually conflicted Teena Brandon in "Boys Don't Cry," she's the subject of that ethereal thing called Oscar buzz again at 30 for "Million Dollar Baby."

She's already been nominated for a Golden Globe Award for playing the determined boxer Maggie Fitzgerald, alongside director Clint Eastwood (who co-stars as Maggie's reluctant manager) and Morgan Freeman, whose character helps run the gym where Maggie trains. The film received five nominations total, including best motion picture drama.

So back to that career advice, courtesy of a New York Times article written by casting director Felicia Fasano.

"I think it's great that I'm in a position that someone wants to give me advice. You know what I mean?" she said over dinner between bites of salad and salmon.

"I follow my gut because in the end that's all you have. I shied away from playing just the girl's roles because I didn't find them inspiring," she added. "I wanted to be taken seriously. I wanted to be challenged. I wanted to push myself to the limit. I wanted to — I want to — do all that. That's where my passion lies, and it's not just playing the arm candy."

Meeting her, though, it's easy to imagine her in more glamorous roles than she's played in the past, such as a detective in "Insomnia" and an astronaut in "The Core."

She's naturally athletic but turned her body into even more of a physical specimen for this movie. And she has a broad smile that she flashes frequently, despite insisting that she's tired from having just flown home to New York from Los Angeles.

"To get in shape for 'Million Dollar Baby,' Swank boxed and did weight training six days a week, for three months before shooting began. She also had to consume 210 grams of protein a day."

"My back, my arms, my legs — everything changed," she said. "My butt, my stomach, everything."

Swank unhooked the buckle on her brown leather purse, reached inside and produced a photo of herself taken the previous day during a Vanity Fair magazine shoot. She's running along the beach — though calling it running wouldn't do it justice. Anyone can run.

"[Y]ou realize that your body is a machine. It can adapt to whatever you need it to."

Hilary Swank



Swank is striding across the sand in the sunshine, dressed in a navy blue jog bra and tight shorts, the wind flowing through her long, brown hair.

She looks like something out of a Nike ad, and this is some five months after filming ended.

"It was weird," she continued. "It's not like I really changed sizes, but none of my jackets fit my shoulders. My shoulders got too broad, my arms got too big for my shirts, my jeans were really tight on my thighs. I lost a breast size because I lost body fat — it was just muscle I was gaining. But it was great because you realize that your body is a machine. It can adapt to whatever you need it to."

It's not the first time she changed her appearance. A then-unknown Swank first did it for the 1999 film "Boys Don't Cry," the devastating true story of Teena Brandon, a young woman who was raped and murdered for wanting to live life as a young man named Brandon Teena. Swank immersed herself by cutting her hair short and living as a man for weeks before shooting began.

If you've seen the Calvin Klein lingerie ads Swank did this summer, though, you have no doubt about her femininity. The black-and-white ads show Swank in an unexpectedly sexy, curvy way.

Calvin Klein spokeswoman Kim Vernon said the goal was to create "pictures that stop people."

"We had that light bulb with Hilary. Everyone had this impression of her as this gender-confused girl from 'Boys Don't Cry,' and we knew with the right team we could create pictures that would show her in a way that had never been seen: extremely sexy, great body," Vernon said. "And she got so excited about the idea to do it, and to challenge herself like she always has in her roles."



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Post-Christmas message

While cleaning up Christmas decora-
tions, I looked over the 30 "holiday" cards
that we received from friends and family.
Only one card was a traditional card. It
was a picture of the baby Christ in a man-
ger. Only five cards used the word "Chris-
mas," the 24 remaining cards were gener-
ic "Happy Holiday" cards, or tacky jokes
with a holiday theme. I find that distur-
bing.

Traditions are cultural links; they con-
nect each generation with those in the past
and those to come. Perhaps, American
Christmas traditions have become so com-
mon that they are no longer worth trying to
bind our immigrant cultures together. Is it
bad to celebrate the birth of that, tradition
says, started Western ideals of peace and
love? It is worthwhile to teach our children
the ideals expressed in Charles Dickens'
"A Christmas Carol," that love and gener-
osity are more important than wealth?

If peace, love and generosity are worthy

concepts, and if Christmas traditions extol
peace, love and generosity, then even non-
believers should uphold Christmas tradi-
tions. These ideas are valuable even if you
don't believe in the religious aspects of
myth, the message of Christ has value for
all of us. Even as a myth, Christmas tradi-
tions could link great-grandparents to your
children's children.

For Christians, if you believe in the liter-
al Christ, that his light brightened the
world, shouldn't you celebrate his birth by
name — Christmas?

Why am I ashamed to say "Merry Christ-
mas"? Why be reluctant to send traditional
Christmas cards? Who are you afraid of
offending? If you have peace, love and gener-
osity in your heart, is it necessary to be
blandly politically correct?

Please consider sending a traditional
card next Christmas. I will always send tra-
ditional cards — even if they become so
scarce that I have to draw them by hand.

Michael J. Leno
Wurzburg, Germany

Seeing Old West in spider holes, caves

BY FREDERICK ALLEN
The Observer (R.I.) Journal

BOZEMAN, Mont.
— dead or alive? No phrase
could be more evocative of
the Old West than Presi-
dent Bush's famous state-
ment of indifference about the condition of
Osama bin Laden upon capture. Yet few
phrases could be more relevant. A predict-
able amount of eye rolling greeted Mr.
Bush's use of the expression — the first lay-
sided to have been among those who found
it too tinged with Texas bravado — but the
stark moral choice faced by the bounty hunt-
er of yore on the American frontier is en-
tirely pertinent to our national debate.

In the case of Saddam Hussein and his
sons, life or death came down to a familiar
and settled issue: resisting arrest. Saddam
surrendered and his life was spared; his
sons did not and were killed. "Dead or
alive" suggests a subtler distinction: whether
our fight against terror is a war in which
we seek out and kill an enemy on the field of
battle, or a matter of criminal justice in
which we pursue foes and put them on trial.

One may be skeptical of Saddam's chances
of receiving a "fair trial" in Iraq, but who
would prefer to see him in an American
courtroom, complete with a "dream team"
of defense lawyers, a circus atmosphere out-
side, round-the-clock television coverage
and commentary, and an outcome that
might include acquittal? In that case, the
world of fundamentalist jihad would not
shudder at the prospect of providing him
with a forum for the spread of anti-Ameri-
can venom that would further inflame the
world of fundamentalist jihad. For a coun-
try whose motto is "E Pluribus Unum," the
turbulent example, one need look no further

than the folly now unfolding in the Hague,
where Shabdan Milosevic continues to
mock the judges of the International Crimi-
nal Court who are trying him.

As we contemplate the use of ill-defined
military tribunals for detainees from Guan-
tanamo to Abu Ghraib, the argument over
procedure has been largely modern, legalis-
tic and centered in the universities, editorial
boards and mind-set of the East Coast.

Yet it seems to me, as a student of vigilan-
te movements in the frontier West, that Presi-
dent Bush had the right instinct when he
cast the question in terms of outlaw vs. sher-
iff — black hat vs. white hat — in an older
time and place, on a bleak landscape of sage-
brush and alkaline desert.

One of the deadliest episodes of vigilante
killing in American history took place in the
foothills of the Rocky Mountains in 1864.
While the rest of the nation was preoccu-
pled with the Civil War, a small corps of
armed horsemen swept through the
gold-mining camps of what is now Montana
and hanged 21 troublemakers, including an
informally chosen sheriff suspected of mas-
terminding a ring of stagecoach robbers.

The executions were carried out with mili-
tary precision, in full public view by leading
citizens, who did not bother to conceal their
identities beneath masks or hoods.

By the time the news of the crossbeam
of an unfinished store on the main street of
the territory's largest city, their bodies dan-
gled for days, like pennants of conquest.

To this day, the men who carried out the
executions are revered as great heroes and
founding fathers in Montana.

The vigilantes took action and enjoyed
broad support because of a simple percep-
tion: that they had no other choice. The gold
camps of Montana lay beyond the reach of
formal government in 1864, hundreds of
miles from the nearest territorial capital
and unapproachable in winter. The crime
gangs who infested the camps could not be arrest-

ed and tried, because there were no func-
tioning courts. They could not be jailed, be-
cause there were no jails. As one vigilante
explained later, "It was apparent ... that
order without law had locked horns with
crime, and it was to be a fight to the finish."

The vigilantes were hardly without flaw.
Power corrupted them to an extent still
being debated. In their haste, they hanged
some innocent men — even if they became
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It is that debate, and not the one of civil
liberties, that seems most relevant to bin
Laden and al-Qaida's high command. If
they are an enemy posing a threat to our
public safety, can we afford the luxury of
trying them as criminals? The conventions
of war do not permit the summary execu-
tion of combatants who surrender, but our
national interests would be better served in
the fight against terrorism if they did.

The phrase "dead or alive" has modern
relevance because bin Laden is a fugitive
with a price on his head, and the president
understandably evoked a policy that bounty
hunters are free to kill their prey if they
proves safe and more convenient in getting
the job done and obtaining the money.

A more urgent, disturbing argument is
that having bin Laden alive and in custody
anywhere would provide a very dangerous
target of opportunity for terrorist martyrs,
recruiters and propagandists.

Capturing a wanted man alive did not
work very well in the Old West in places
that lay beyond the reach of government.
Today, that distinction includes the spider
holes of Iraq and the caves of northern Af-
ghanistan.

Frederick Allen, a former CNN commentator, is
the author of the newly published book "A Decent,
Orderly Lynching: The Montana Vigilantes."

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury

"WELL, POLKS, LOOKS
LIKE THE ARCHITECTURE
OF U.S. TORTURE POLICY
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AGAINST IT, TORTURE
HAS JUST BEEN REINSTITUTED
BY OUR ELECTED LEADERS."

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"WELL, OFF TO
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"GIVE EM
HELL."



OPINION

Long march to justice in Philadelphia, Miss.

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. — *"A reputed Ku Klux Klansman was arrested late Thursday on murder charges in the 1964 killing of three voter-registration volunteers... a case that is one of the last pieces of unfinished business from the civil rights era."*

—Associated Press, Jan. 6, 2005.

Every time I see Philadelphia, Miss., in the news, I think of the cottonmouth moccasin in an ice chest used by journalists covering civil-rights marches during some of the ugliest days of our nation's history. The moccasin, I soon discovered, was not nearly as poisonous or deadly as the local Klansmen who terrorized and murdered civil-rights workers, sometimes in collusion with local law-enforcement officials.

Local racists put the snake in the chest when reporters and photographers stopped for ice at a country store just outside Philadelphia, the seat of Neshoba County. After that, I decided it was better to drink a warm Coke than to open an ice chest. As a young intern reporter for Newsweek magazine, I found myself in Philadelphia almost two years after the 1964 murder of three civil-rights workers whose bodies were buried in an earthen dam. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led a ragged but brave column of marchers to Philadelphia's town square for a rally. As local whites, held back by state police, hurled racial epithets and rocks and bottles into the

crowd of civil-rights activists, King raised his powerful voice and said he could sense the presence of the murderers of the three civil-rights workers in the square.

A voice rang out from behind the police lines. "We're right over here," someone shouted, as the white hecklers laughed and hooted.

I had not a doubt that the killers were in voice range. And I had no reason to believe then that the murderers of James Chaney, a 21-year-old black Mississippiian, and two white New Yorkers, Andrew Goodman, 20, and Michael Schwerner, 24, would ever be brought to justice for a hateful crime that outraged the nation.

In 1967, the U.S. Justice Department brought civil-rights prosecutions against 18 suspects, including reputed Klansman Edgar Ray Killen, Neshoba County Sheriff Lawrence Rainey and Deputy Cecil Price, after Mississippi officials showed little interest in seeking murder indictments in the case. Seven were convicted and sentenced to prison terms from three to 10 years. None served more than six years. Killen escaped conviction by an 11-to-1 jury deadlock. The holdout was a woman who said she could never convict a preacher of the Gospel, which Killen claimed to be.

In 1999, the Mississippi attorney general, after an investigation by the Clarion-Ledger newspaper in Jackson, broke new ground in the case. This month, Killen, now 79, was arrested and charged with the murder of Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner. Other arrests could follow, but justice can never be fully served as long as even one of the killers goes free.

For 41 years, the men who beat and shot the three civil-rights workers have gotten on with their small, twisted lives. They raised



Edgar Ray Killen — shown leaving Neshoba County Jail in Philadelphia, Miss., Jan. 12, on bond — is charged with murdering three civil-rights workers in 1964. The reputed Klansman is to stand trial on March 28.

families and went to church. Some, no doubt, already have gone to their graves, and those still living have become old men.

You have to wonder what it must feel like to come to the end of life burdened by an evil secret that ultimately will be judged, if not in this world, in the next....

Not surprisingly, some Mississippians were quoted in news reports as saying they



The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. — shown after delivering his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington in 1963 — told fellow marchers in 1964 in Philadelphia, Miss., that he sensed the presence of murderers.

see no point in reopening the case after all these years, that nothing good can come from it. But as usual, John Lewis, the Georgia congressman and civil-rights hero, said it best: "It is never, ever too late to bring about justice and send the strongest possible message that bigotry and hate will not be tolerated in the society."

Philip Galley is editor of editorials of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times.

‘Pilot error’ explanation leaves full story in its wake

BY PETER GARRISON

Ever heard of Sten Molin? He was the pilot whose overaggressive use of the rudder pedals of an American Airlines Airbus brought the airplane down on Long Island late in 2001 with the loss of 265 lives.

His name was in all the papers. The National Transportation Safety Board said it was his fault.

Close reading of the NTSB report, released last month, reveals, however, that Molin was merely a convenient fall guy. The real cause of the accident was a conspiracy of ignorance persistently tolerated by the Federal Aviation Administration, the airlines and the airplane manufacturers. The pilot was the last link in a chain of causes that made him as much the innocent victim as anyone else who died in that airplane.

Molin, whom colleagues described as a smooth, accurate and above-average pilot, was just doing what he had been trained to do, and under circumstances in which he and all other pilots believed that nothing they did could possibly hurt the airplane. That a few not-very-hard kicks on the Airbus' unusually sensitive rudder pedals could actually break the vertical fin off the plane, dooming it to certain loss of control, was a fact that only some aeronautical engineers, and a few oddly reticent bureaucrats at the FAA, understood.

Federal aviation regulations prescribe the strength of every part of an airplane. Some requirements are based on turbulence, others on maneuvers that the pilot can perform. Because the strains that maneuvers impose on an airplane increase as the plane's speed increases, engineers select a certain speed, called the maneuvering speed, as an upper

boundary. Before the Airbus accident, nearly all pilots believed that as long as an airplane was flying at or below the maneuvering speed, nothing they could do would break it.

That belief was universal in part because it was so logical. After all, what would be the point of publishing a "maneuvering speed" if it were not a safe speed for maneuvering? Besides, the FAA explicitly supported it. The government's own Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge says "any combination of flight control usage (below the maneuvering speed), including full deflection of the controls... should not create an excessive air load."

Airlines and manufacturers had developed training curricula designed to encourage pilots, who normally fly with a velvet

touch to keep passengers comfortable, to use all the controls unthinkingly in certain emergencies. Sometime before the Airbus crash, when an instructor pilot asked Molin why he had used the rudder so vigorously during a simulated wake turbulence encounter, Molin had cited an American Airlines pilot-education program that specifically encouraged doing so.

Molin's Airbus was below the maneuvering speed when it broke apart. Its fin came off because he stepped on the rudder pedals alternately, in quick succession, in an attempt to steady the aircraft after it had been jolted by the wake of another airliner. Strangely, federal regulations require the vertical fin to be strong enough to withstand full deflection of the rudder — the movable rear portion of the surface — only when the airplane is flying straight ahead, but not

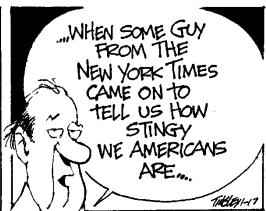
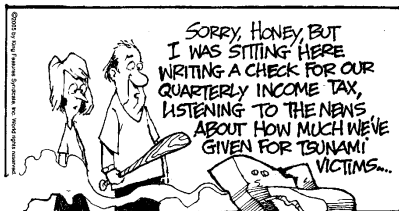
when it's "yawed" — that is, pointed a few degrees to one side or the other. The effect of alternating rudder inputs is just that — to yaw the airplane. Yet no pilot's handbook, no simulator curriculum and no FAA publication mentioned the possible dire consequences before the Airbus crash.

Neither the regulations nor the airplanes have changed, nor will they, but there's been a good deal of verbal backing and filling in the three years since the accident. Handbooks and curricula have been revised, articles have been written and bulletins have been circulated to pilots pointing out the limited protection provided by the maneuvering speed. Too late for Sten Molin, though, and for his fellow victims of a pervasive and dangerous misunderstanding.

Peter Garrison writes a monthly accident analysis column for Flying magazine. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Whoa 'Nellie'

NE LINCOLN — Sen. Ben Nelson finally has succeeded in getting President Bush to stop calling him by the detested nickname "Nellie."

Bush had been referring to the Nebraska Democrat as "Nellie" since 2001. Nelson disliked the nickname and had asked the president to stop using it.

The president likes to give people nicknames. He has called Vladimir Putin, the president of Russia, "Pootie-Poot," while aide Karen Hughes gets "High Prophet."

But Bush heeded Nelson's request to scrap his moniker, and at the recent White House Christmas party, the president referred to Nelson as "Benny."

"The president had a twinkle in his eye when he called me that," Nelson said.

Anti-theft handcuffs

AZ PHOENIX — Some Phoenix-area inmates are in the pink — pink handcuffs.

Maricopa County sheriff's deputies began using fluorescent pink handcuffs Thursday to transport inmates.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio said he introduced the pink handcuffs because he was tired of losing them to his own deputies and other law enforcement agencies. He ordered 100 of the pink handcuffs, which he made in England, at \$19.44 each. The regular ones cost \$18.84 a pop.

"We presume nobody else has pink handcuffs, so we can spot them and know they're ours," he said. Patrol deputies will still carry the silver cuffs, which they pay for themselves.

Low-scoring affair

VT MILTON — It's hard to imagine that a three-point-er in the second quarter of a high school boy's basketball game would turn out to be the winning basket — unless it's one of only three made in the entire game.

That basket, along with an earlier field goal, was all Belkows Free Academy-Fairfax needed to beat Milton on Wednesday night. The final score: 5-2.

"I've never had a player hit a game-winner in the second quarter before," BFA-Fairfax coach Glen Button Jr. said.

Neither team scored in the second half.

Smith said the slowdown was implemented because BFA (7-4) has a strong scoring presence, while Milton (2-8) does not. The Milton players believed their best chance to be competitive was to just hold onto the ball.

Man busted with ricin

FL OCALA — A man was arrested after authorities allegedly found the deadly toxin ricin stashed in a cardboard box at his home along with a small cache of weapons, officials said Thursday.

Steven Michael Ekberg, 22, faces up to 10 years if convicted of possession of a biological agent. FBI agents said they didn't believe Ekberg, arrested Wednesday, had any connection with terrorist groups.

There was no explanation for how or why he obtained the ricin. The sheriff's office was tipped

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off last week by an informant who alleged Ekberg had been carrying concealed weapons into clubs — and boasted of having ricin in one of several vials and glass tubes he allegedly showed off.

Top of the list

MA BOSTON — If you're on the A-list at Suffolk Superior Court this month, most likely you're also in the jury pool.

A computer glitch at the state Office of Jury Commissioner alphabetized names of potential jurors, rather than shuffling them, before summonses were sent out. That created a jury pool of people whose last names mostly begin with the letter A.

So far, prosecutors, defense lawyers and judges agree that the error has not affected defendants' constitutional right to a fair trial in front of a jury of their peers, jury Commissioner Pamela J. Wood said.

Pole call

CA SAN FRANCISCO — The principal of a Palo Alto middle school may not invite a popular speaker back to an annual career day after he told girls they could earn a good living as strippers.

Management consultant William Fried told eighth-graders at Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School on Tuesday that stripping and exotic dancing can pay \$250,000 or more per year, depending on their bust size.

"It's sick, but it's true," Fried said in an interview later. "The



Renegade umbrella

Charles Lindsey of Columbus, Ohio, tries to head to a bus stop through an afternoon storm.

truth of the matter is you can earn a tremendous amount of money as an exotic dancer, if that's your desire."

Fried has given a popular 55-minute presentation, "The Secret of a Happy Life," at the school's career day the past three years. But school principal Joseph Di Salvo said Fried may not be back next year.

The principal said Fried's comments to the class came after some of them asked him to expand on why he included "exotic dancing" on his list of 140 potential careers.

According to Jason Garcia, 14, Fried told students: "For every two inches up there, you should get another \$50,000 on your salary."

Road over burial ground

TX CORPUS CHRISTI — Construction on an area road has been delayed partly because of its location on an ancient American Indian burial site, state transportation officials said.

"There was the potential for Indian artifacts all through this," Texas Department of Transportation district engineer Craig E. Clark said Thursday while speaking to the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi.

"They probably are ancestral to the Karankawas," Kennmots said.

Archaeologists will likely do carbon testing to date the artifacts once construction is finished. The burial site probably dates from 2500 B.C. to 1000 A.D., said Robert Drollet, an archaeologist at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History.

World travelers

DC WASHINGTON — Gray-headed albatrosses, famed for flocking to the South Georgia Islands near Antarctica to mate and raise chicks, routinely circle the globe between breeding seasons in a restless search for fish, British scientists discovered.

For a study appearing this week in the journal *Science*, researchers for the British Antarctic Survey attached electronic locators to the legs of 23 birds.

The researchers found that more than half of the birds flew completely around the world, following the chilled oceans below 30 degrees latitude south. One bird circled the globe three times in 18 months, and another flew more than 13,000 miles in just 46 days.

Coyote killers

ME EAST MACHIAS — A competition to see who can kill the most coyotes was scheduled to go on at noon Friday in eastern Maine, despite protests from a humane group and request by the Baldacci administration not to go ahead.

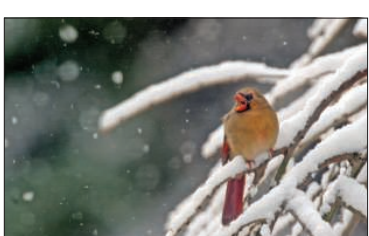
A dozen to 15 participants, some from other states, were expected to participate in the event, Maine's first, said Mike Look, an organizer of the derby and member of the Washington County Fish and Wildlife Conservation Club.

Look said he sees little difference between Friday's event and normal hunting of coyotes, which are viewed as a major cause of a deer population decline down east. But opponents say the event does nothing to manage the coyote population and reopens old wounds from a recent bear-hunting referendum.



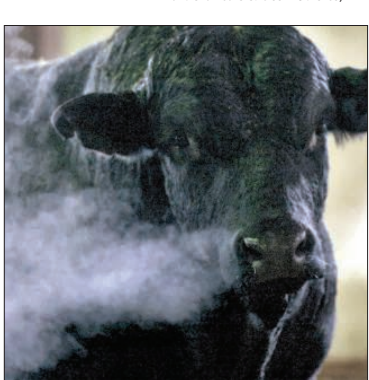
Working in the shadows

Tom Thompson lays backing for caulk, in Hays, Kan., during the construction of a new Home Depot store.



In the lunch line

A cardinal waits its turn at a birdfeeder on a snow-covered tree in Clarence, N.Y.



Warming up

A rodeo bull sends up a cloud of steam as he waits for the start of the 25th annual Montana PRCA Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals in Great Falls, Mont.



Bitter cold

At negative 29 degrees fahrenheit, the rising sun colors steam and smoke from buildings in Great Falls, Mont.



Breathing easy

Swimmers, from top to bottom, Robert Norman, Melanie Roberts and Will Dove, outfitted in their snorkels and swim caps, await instructions from Raleigh, N.C., Swimming Association coach Dan Flack during practice at the Pullen Park Pool.



Icy limbs

A branch weighed down with ice falls across a set of old railroad tracks southeast of downtown Tipton, Ind.



Better than out

As snow falls outside, a cat naps on a windowsill inside a home in Great Falls, Mont.

Pilot grounded

NV LAS VEGAS — An armed AirTran Airways pilot was charged with operating an aircraft under the influence after a federal screener at McCarran International Airport smelled alcohol, authorities said Thursday.

Las Vegas police arrested Oliver Paul Reason Jr., 37, in the cockpit of the AirTran plane shortly after he passed through an airport checkpoint Wednesday night, according to the Transportation Security Administration, police and the airline.

Orlando-based AirTran Holdings Inc. issued a statement Thursday saying the airline followed its safety procedures to ensure the Atlanta-bound aircraft was held at the gate.

The pilot has been suspended from his duties as a federal flight deck officer, which had allowed him to carry the firearm, the TSA said.

Healthy vending?

DC WASHINGTON — The vending machine trade association is launching an anti-obesity campaign to encourage healthy food choices, hoping to fend off efforts to remove machines from schools and improve the industry's image as concerns grow about the fattening of America.

The program, "Balanced for Life," is being unveiled Thursday at an event featuring pro football Hall of Famer Lynn Swann.

The effort by the National Automatic Merchandising Association includes a color-coded rating system for food sold in vending machines, indicating healthful choices and those that should be eaten in moderation.

Triple trouble

MN MINNEAPOLIS — Roda Aden gave birth to twin boys Wednesday at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

Nothing unusual about that. About 31 of every 1,000 live births are twins, according to recent U.S. birth statistics.

But Aden also gave birth to twin girls at the hospital in May 2002 and to twin boys in November 2000.

Having two consecutive sets of twins is highly unusual, said Dr. Steve Dahlin, but three is extremely rare.

None of the twins is identical. Dahlin delivered two of the couple's three sets of twins. What's especially unusual, she said, is that Aden became pregnant with all the children without taking fertility drugs. For women in the United States not involved in fertility treatments, she said, only about eight births in 1,000 are twins.

Medical pot at work suit

OR SALEM — The Oregon Court of Appeals has reinstated a lawsuit filed by a man who alleged that his employer failed to accommodate his use of medical marijuana.

Robert Washburn's employer, Portland-based Columbia Forest Products, fired him from its Klamath Falls mill after urine tests detected marijuana residue. Washburn suffers from neck pain and muscle spasms that disrupt his sleep. He obtained a state-issued medical marijuana registration card 1999.

A Multnomah County Circuit Court judge had tossed out Washburn's lawsuit, ruling that the state Medical Marijuana Act doesn't require a company to make accommodations for workers with marijuana in their system.

School OKs headscarves

TN CHATTANOOGA — A public high school changed its dress code to allow religious headscarves after a national civil rights group for Muslims complained to the principal on behalf of a student.

A spokeswoman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations said Emily Smith, 18, a senior at Chattanooga's East Ridge High School, wore her headscarf, or hijab, on campus for the first time Thursday.

Khadja Athman, civil rights manager for the Washington, D.C.-based council, said the group sent the school principal a letter Jan. 6, three days after the student e-mailed the council asking about her rights.

Rich Smith, an assistant superintendent for Hamilton County schools, said the school had banned all head wear, but the principal agreed to allow Emily Smith's hijab after attorneys were consulted.

Shootings investigated

TX DALLAS — The bodies of four men — all hit with multiple gunshot wounds — were discovered at an apartment complex Thursday night. Police called the carnage "a disturbance that got out of hand."

Police found the body of one victim in the breezeway of the complex; three others were found in a second-floor apartment. All had been shot multiple times, police said.

Investigators were looking into whether the men became involved in a gunfight, and if drugs were involved.

Animal cruelty charge

HI HONOLULU — An East Oahu woman has been charged with 26 counts of animal cruelty about a year and a half after authorities seized dozens of dogs and cats from her Hawaii Kai townhouse.

Lucy Kagan is scheduled to appear in court on the charges Jan. 28.

The Hawaiian Humane Society in May 2003 opened an animal cruelty case against Kagan after officials discovered 27 dogs and two cats living in what they called squalid conditions at her home.

Bald eagle dies

VT MONTPELIER — One of the eight young eagles raised in Addison this summer to establish a breeding population of bald eagles in Vermont has died.

The young eagle died Dec. 26 after it was discovered struggling for life in the woods near Moore Reservoir in Waterford in the Connecticut River Valley.

A couple found the floundering bird while walking their dog along a logging road Christmas Day. Evelyn Cecchini of the Outreach for Earth Stewards, one of the groups working in the eagle restoration effort, said an examination of the dead bird turned up no obvious cause of death.

Stories and photos from wire services

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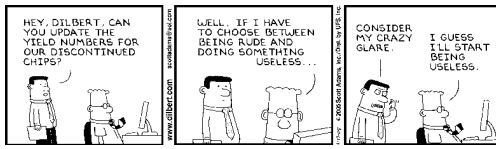
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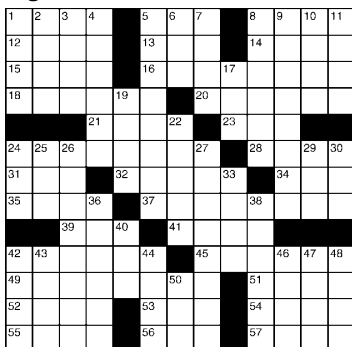
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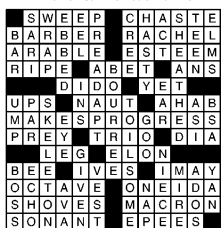
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- 14 "Turn Around, Look —"
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- 18 Otolaryngology subject
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- 28 Graf —
- 31 Expert
- 32 Humdinger
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- 35 Cribbage scorers
- 37 Pavement
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- 42 Old sayings
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- 49 Take out of action
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- 53 Part of UCLA
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- 55 Speedy
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- 57 Disarray

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- 3 State with certainty
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- 6 Parisian pal
- 7 Newsman Roger
- 8 Hoi polloi
- 9 African nation
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- 11 Chopped
- 17 Wet wiggler
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- 22 Internet correspondence
- 24 Potential syrup
- 25 Lemieux milieu
- 26 Brings into disrepute
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- 29 Right angle
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- 40 Brooks or Blanc
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- 47 A whole bunch
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOMEONE BECOMES DULL DURING THE WINTER, I GUESS HE COULD BE JEJUNE IN JANUARY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals C

Alcohol and guns never mix well

Dear Abby: My fiancé's best friend, "Ted," accidentally shot himself in the head in front of another friend, "Matt."

Matt blames himself for the accident, even though Ted survived and is doing OK. Matt and Ted were drinking and looking at Ted's gun. The gun has a history of not ejecting the bullet when you want it to. Ted looked to see if the gun had any bullets in it, and it didn't, so Ted put the barrel to his head and pulled the trigger. Matt feels that Ted blames him for what happened, although nobody blames him. It was just a stupid accident.

Are there any support groups out there that my fiancé and I can get Matt into?

— **Caring Friend in Montana**
Dear Caring Friend: Among the rules of professional gun ownership are never to point the barrel at anyone and never to

presume that the gun is empty. Ted is lucky his stupidly didn't cost him his life. If there is any support group I'd recommend for Matt — and Ted, too, as soon as he's fully recovered — it would be AA. It appears both of them have a serious alcohol problem.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: Please print this cautionary tale of infidelity. It involves out-of-town professional conferences.

In my case, my husband of 35 years confessed that he'd had an "emotional affair" with a single, professional colleague that endured for 20 years. While it was never sexual, they wrote each other letters and love poems — boxes of them. (She addressed them to his business P.O. box.) They also exchanged gifts.

The usual warning signs of infidelity were absent. There were no unexplained absences, no telephone receipts, no money

missing from our joint account, no lipstick on his collar.

The only clues were my husband's defensiveness.

My husband is ashamed and remorseful now. We're finally seeing a therapist, who is helping us rebuild our marriage.

My advice is that if your mate is less than enthusiastic about having you accompany him or her on trips to professional gatherings, be suspicious.

— **Sadder But Wiser in the Midwest**
Dear Sadder: As your letter shows, emotional affairs can be as devastating to a marriage as sexual ones. Although your spouse's affair occurred at business conferences, I receive many letters and e-mails regarding online affairs where the people don't always meet in person. The time and energy poured into these relationships are stolen from the spouse and family.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at: <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



I hear Heidi curl her boyfriend...
THIS CAN CURL YOUR HAIR AT A BEAUTY SALON.
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.
(Answers tomorrow)

Don't risk further molestation

Dear Annie: Last night, my life was turned upside down. My 14-year-old daughter, "Cindy," woke me up and said her stepdad, "Chuck," had touched her. There was no actual sex involved, thank God. I confronted Chuck immediately. He said he knew it was inappropriate and stopped right away.

Chuck was molested during his childhood, as was I, so we know how wrong this is. Chuck and I put all the blame on him, which is where it belongs. Before this happened, I never thought I would allow any man to get away with something like this, but now I'm not so sure what to do.

The three of us have a wonderful life. However, Cindy recently has been paying a lot of attention to Chuck. She is home-schooled and doesn't see many other children her age. After Cindy told me what Chuck did, I said I would kick him out, but she asked me not to. She said she

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loves both of us and that she is fine. Annie, I know my daughter, and she really is fine. Chuck and I are the ones struggling to come to terms with this.

All of this behavior is odd to me. Is it possible that Cindy is really OK?

So do I kick Chuck out, like I said I would? Or, do we find a way to work through this? — **Wishing It Was Yesterday in California**

Dear Wishing: It's understandable that you are searching for a way to make this less serious, so your life can continue as it was, but it's not that simple. Chuck's family history makes it more likely that he could do this again, and Cindy may feel obligated to submit to his advances in order not to break up her family.

We strongly urge you to get family counseling, so you understand the risks and can work out the best solution. It may be best to separate until you do, also find activities for Cindy in the afternoon so she can meet other

teenagers and won't EVER be left alone with Chuck. Good luck.

Dear Annie: With the cold and flu season here, I was wondering about the appropriateness of nose blowing in public, especially in my office. There are a few people who feel comfortable blowing their nose while standing at my desk, and I feel quite disgusted by it.

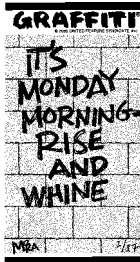
Is there a rule of etiquette in reference to this situation?

— **Tampa, Fla.**
Dear Tampa: You bet. A sneeze cannot be helped, but deliberately blowing one's nose should be done as privately as possible. Tell these obnoxious co-workers sweetly, "I hope you will understand if I ask you not to blow your nose near my desk. I'm absolutely phobic about getting sick."

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"I like writing on the computer. If you make a mistake, you can just back up over it."

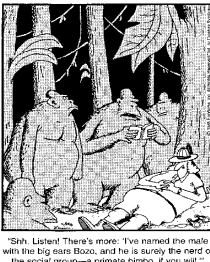


Dennis the Menace



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The Far Side



"Shh, listen! There's more. I've named the male with the big ears Bozo, and he is surely the male of the social group—a primate bimbo, if you will."



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| 32 | TLC | Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills 'Is Big Brother' 'Peepal pants' seeking physical beauty. (N) | ★ 10 Years Younger | ★ 10 Years Younger | ★ 10 Years Younger | ★ 10 Years Younger | ★ 10 Years Younger | ★ 10 Years Younger | ★ 10 Years Younger | ★ 10 Years Younger | ★ 10 Years Younger | ★ 10 Years Younger |
| 34 | TOON | Samurai Jack | Dexter's Laboratory | Codemane: Kids Next Door | Justice League | Powerpuff Girls | Cartoon Cartoons | Looney Tunes | I Am Weasel | Sheep in the Big City | Detective Squad | |
| 35 | ANPL | Amazing Animal Videos A big house cat. (CC) | Animal Cops Houston 'Animal Round-up' Fifty animals are removed from a big house cat. (CC) | Animal Cops Houston 'Animal Round-up' Fifty animals are removed from a big house cat. (CC) | Animal Cops Houston 'Animal Round-up' Fifty animals are removed from a big house cat. (CC) | Animal Cops Houston 'Animal Round-up' Fifty animals are removed from a big house cat. (CC) | Animal Cops Houston 'Animal Round-up' Fifty animals are removed from a big house cat. (CC) | Animal Cops Houston 'Animal Round-up' Fifty animals are removed from a big house cat. (CC) | Animal Cops Houston 'Animal Round-up' Fifty animals are removed from a big house cat. (CC) | Animal Cops Houston 'Animal Round-up' Fifty animals are removed from a big house cat. (CC) | Animal Cops Houston 'Animal Round-up' Fifty animals are removed from a big house cat. (CC) | Animal Cops Houston 'Animal Round-up' Fifty animals are removed from a big house cat. (CC) |
| 36 | COM | (4-30) ★ "Joe Dirt" (2001) David Spade (CC) | South Park The boys build real boys. (CC) | Blue Collar TV Pain reader, can't be a pain reader. (CC) | The Daily Show With Jon Stewart | The Daily Show With Jon Stewart | The Daily Show With Jon Stewart | The Daily Show With Jon Stewart | The Daily Show With Jon Stewart | The Daily Show With Jon Stewart | The Daily Show With Jon Stewart | The Daily Show With Jon Stewart |
| 40 | NGC-A | Deserts | Animal Attraction | Deserts | Animal Attraction | Deserts | Animal Attraction | Deserts | Animal Attraction | Deserts | Animal Attraction | Deserts |
| 41 | SPKE | ★ WWE Raw Scheduled: courtroom to the Elimination Chamber Match. (CC) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | FOX | That '70s Show Donna tells Eri loves him. | That '70s Show Donna tells Eri loves him. | The Simpsons That '70s Show Donna tells Eri loves him. | Seinfeld Jerry tells Eri loves him. | Who's Your Daddy (N) (CC) | That '70s Show Donna tells Eri loves him. | That '70s Show Donna tells Eri loves him. | That '70s Show Donna tells Eri loves him. | That '70s Show Donna tells Eri loves him. | That '70s Show Donna tells Eri loves him. | That '70s Show Donna tells Eri loves him. |
| 43 | BET | (5-00) ★ "3 Strikes" (2000, Comedy) Sean Locks, W. Cuba Gooding Jr. | The Parkers (CC) | The Parkers (CC) | The Parkers (CC) | BET Nightly News 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | The Parkers (CC) | The Parkers (CC) | The Parkers (CC) | The Parkers (CC) | The Parkers (CC) | The Parkers (CC) |
| 44 | COURT | NYPD Blue "Family Tree" A tourist raped in her hotel room may have been attacked by someone she knew. | The Simpsons (CC) | The Drew Carey Show (CC) | News Focus (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) |
| 48 | STR-WD | The Simpsons (CC) | The Drew Carey Show (CC) | News Focus (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) |
| 50 | LIFE | ★ ★ "The Unsaid" (2001, Suspense) Andy Garcia, Vincent Kartheiser, Linda Cardellini. Premiers. A therapist is drawn to a patient who has his dead son's face. (CC) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 51 | ABC&F | (5-00) ★ ★ "Flipper" (1996, Adventure) Elijah Wood. A teenager and his dog flipper battle ocean waves. (CC) | Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC) | Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC) | Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC) | Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC) | Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC) | Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC) | Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC) | Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC) | Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC) | Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC) |
| 53 | HIST | No Surrender: German and Japanese Kamikaze Suckles soldiers are willing to give up their lives for their country. (CC) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 57 | STR-W | (5-00) ★ ★ "Clifford" (1994, Comedy) Martin Short. A precocious 10-year-old weasels havoc in his uncle's life. (CC) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 58 | ADV 1 | (5-00) ★ The Ride Game for it | | | | | | | | | | |
| 59 | MTV | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) | Real World - Rules Challenge (CC) |
| 60 | NICK | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) | Hey Arnold! Con- sulting for Helga. (CC) |

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Morning
10:00 PGA Tour: Sony Open in Hawaii (8)
Afternoon
12:30 CBS Crime Scene Investigation (12)
1:00 U.S. Movie: (1973): Magnificence
(2000) (12)
4:55 Grand Sumo: The 9th Day (1)
5:50 News (6)
7:00 News (1)
7:50 News (1)
8:00 News (1)
8:15 Grand Sumo (12)
8:30 News Today: World
9:30 News Today: World
9:35 Classical Music (1X)
9:50 Grand Sumo Digest (1X)

Morning
6:15 NR Weekly
6:35 Railway Adventures Across U.S.A.
7:15 2004-05 Bicycle Trade World Cup (r)
8:15 World News Hour
9:15 World News Hour
10:15 World Golf: Sony Open in Hawaii - Final Round
11:15 World News Hour
12:15 What's On Asia (r)
1:15 World News Hour
2:15 World News Hour
3:15 CNN News
4:15 World News Hour
5:15 World News Hour
6:15 World News Hour
7:15 News Today: Asia
7:30 News Today: World
9:35 Economic News
9:50 Football Monday
10:05 Documentary Series: World Population (1/2)
11:15 NFL AFC Divisional Playoffs - New York Patriots vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

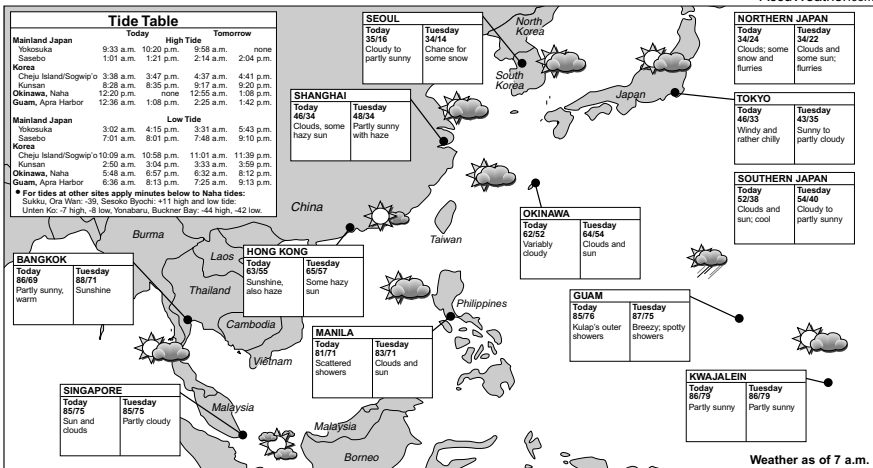
1:35 Grand Sumo Digest
2:15 Asian News
3:15 World Amazing Sports
4:15 Asian News
5:15 World News Hour

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6:00 Classical Music: Miyuu Umezumi Violin Recital (r)
7:00 World News Hour
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 50, low 38.
Thursday: Partly sunny, high 48, low 31.

KADENA

Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sun, high 64, low 52.
Thursday: Periods of clouds and sun, high 64, low 50.

SEOUL

Wednesday: Partly sunny,
high 28, low 9.
Thursday: Mostly sunny,
high 23, low 10.

MANILA

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 73.
Thursday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 73.

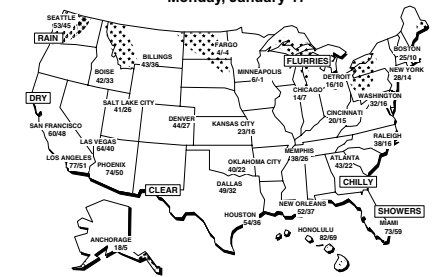
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Wednesday: Showers, high 86, low 76.
Thursday: Showers, high 85, low 76.

Saturday's USA Temperatures

| CITY | HIGH LOW | CITY | HIGH LOW |
|----------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Beverly | 52/27 | Los Angeles | 73/40 |
| Amarillo | 34/15 | Little Rock | 42/22 |
| Anchorage | 24/14 | Louisville | 34/21 |
| Asheville | 45/25 | Miami | 73/65 |
| Baltimore | 58/28 | Minneapolis | 57/35 |
| Birmingham | 58/28 | Nashville | 55/23 |
| Bismarck | 55/23 | New York | 35/24 |
| Boston | 37/27 | Omaha | 55/24 |
| Boston | 35/20 | Orlando | 70/58 |
| Brownsville | 72/42 | Philadelphia | 36/26 |
| Buffalo | 22/10 | Phoenix | 72/48 |
| Butte | 22/10 | Pittsburgh | 32/24 |
| Charleston, SC | 51/35 | Portland, OR | 39/31 |
| Charlotte | 48/26 | Portland, ME | 23/14 |
| Chicago | 58/30 | Portland, LA | 31/21 |
| Cincinnati | 58/30 | San Antonio | 61/30 |
| Columbus, OH | 28/15 | St. Louis | 20/10 |
| Duluth | -11/21 | San Antonio | 60/30 |
| El Paso | 59/28 | San Diego | 66/50 |
| El Paso | 31/11 | San Juan | 81/51 |
| Helena | -1/18 | Tampa | 69/54 |
| Indianapolis | 26/12 | Tulsa | 31/14 |
| Indianapolis | 56/30 | Washington | 37/24 |
| Kansas City | 39/12 | Wichita | 17/17 |

Monday, January 17



U.S. Extended Forecast

Moisture flowing in from the Atlantic and interacting with a cold pool of air will lead to snow from the central Ohio River Valley through the Northeast states Monday. The heaviest snow will fall across New England, where a few inches are possible. Strong high pressure over the central Plains will keep the steady flow of cold air from central Canada into the Upper Midwest. Pacific moisture will lead to a snowy start to the week in the northern Rockies, while the Desert Southwest enjoys mild, sunny weather. An area of low pressure will dive southward from central Canada Tuesday. Cold air will squeeze out any available moisture, dropping a few inches of snow across the Upper Midwest Tuesday.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

| CITY | HIGHLOW | CITY | HIGHLOW | CITY | HIGHLOW |
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| Bangkok | 86/69 | Iwakuni | 48/34 | Sasebo NB | 51/39 |
| Beijing | 40/19 | Kadena AB | 62/52 | Sapporo | 34/24 |
| Camp Casey | 37/19 | Kunsan AB | 39/27 | Seoul | 35/16 |
| Chattahoochee | 21/46 | Kwajalein | 61/73 | Shanghai | 44/26 |
| Diego Garcia | 86/77 | Manila | 81/71 | Singapore | 85/75 |
| Hagatna | 85/76 | Misawa AB | 35/27 | Sydney | 75/55 |
| Hanoi | 66/56 | Osan | 38/18 | Tokyo | 44/26 |
| Hong Kong | 55/35 | Perth | 49/70 | Taipei | 60/50 |
| Honolulu | 82/69 | Pusan | 46/32 | Tokyo | 46/33 |

Monday's World Temperatures

| CITY | HIGHLOW | CITY | HIGHLOW | CITY | CITY | HIGHLOW | |
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| Acapulco | 90/73 | Budapest | 33/24 | Kabul | 37/16 | Nairobi | 85/55 |
| Athens | 45/35 | Buenos Aires | 88/66 | Kuwait | 26/15 | New Delhi | 61/45 |
| Auckland | 77/60 | Cairo | 57/34 | Kyiv | 72/52 | Oslo | 38/28 |
| Bahaghid | 68/46 | Cancun | 24/15 | London | 68/37 | Paris | 43/36 |
| Barbados | 55/70 | Cape Town | 55/55 | Los Angeles | 54/39 | Rio de Janeiro | 82/68 |
| Barcelona | 54/42 | Geneva | 43/35 | Mexico City | 65/34 | Rome | 49/37 |
| Berlin | 47/34 | Istanbul | 44/33 | Montreal | 11/10 | St. Petersburg | 31/21 |
| Bermud | 41/36 | Jerusalem | 51/75 | Moscow | 18/15 | Sydney | 41/30 |
| Brussels | 47/36 | Johannesburg | 80/56 | | 18/15 | Warsaw | 38/27 |



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Southern Cal keeps Leinart, but loses linebacker Tatupu

Trojans junior defender opts to enter NFL Draft

The Associated Press

Matt Leinart wasn't the only college star to decide his future Friday.

While the Southern California junior quarterback opted to pass on NFL millions and stay in school, teammate Lofa Tatupu announced he will skip his senior season and enter the April draft.

On the eve of the deadline for underclassmen to declare their draft status, several touted players chose to remain in school.

Possible first-rounders Memphis tailback DeAngelo Williams and Texas defensive tackle Rod Wright decided to stay, as did Longhorns strong safety Michael Huff and Trojans punter Tom Malone.

Virginia linebacker Darryl Blackstock and Notre Dame defensive end Justin Tucker announced they will forgo their senior seasons. The San Jose State duo of defensive end Tony Thompson and running back Tyson Thompson and San Diego State linebacker Matt McCoy also said they're turning pro.

Leinart could have gone to the San Francisco 49ers as the first pick in upcoming draft. Instead, he'll try to lead the Trojans to an unprecedented third straight national title and become the second two-time Heisman winner.

Trojans coach Pete Carroll said the coaching staff worked hard to

help Leinart and the two other juniors make their decisions. He said the coaches didn't "hit it on all cylinders" due to the loss of Tatupu but added that the linebacker would remain a member of the Trojan family forever.

Utah announced that star receiver Steve Savoy, a third-year sophomore, has withdrawn from classes and signed with an agent, bypassing his final two seasons.

Williams, the two-time Conference USA offensive player of the year, led Memphis to an 8-4 season and a bid to the GMAC Bowl. The third-team All-American ran for 1,948 yards on 313 carries and scored 22 touchdowns in 2004.

Texas' Wright was projected by some draft analysts as a possible first- or second-round pick. At 6-5, 300 pounds, he was second among Longhorns defensive linemen last season with 36 tackles.

After helping Texas finish 11-1 with a victory in the Rose Bowl, Wright said he wanted to help Texas get back to Pasadena. The Rose Bowl will host the Bowl Championship Series title game next season.

"I thought about being someone, in some cold city by myself, watching this team win a national championship," he said.

Huff had 73 tackles and two interceptions last season.

Blackstock decided to leave after leading all linebackers with 11 sacks this season. He had 27 as a three-year starter at Virginia.

Tuck, Notre Dame's career sacks leader, was voted the team's most valuable player last season. The Irish defensive end finished with 24½ sacks, including a season record of 13½ in 2003.

San Jose State's Ficklin made the all-conference team last season, recording seven sacks and 17 tackles for loss for the Spartans, while Thompson rushed for 811 yards and five touchdowns.

McCoy was a second-team all-Mountain West conference choice as a sophomore and junior for the Aztecs. He was second on the team with 90 tackles last season.

On Saturday, Minnesota running back Marion Barber III announced that he would enter the draft, giving up his final season of eligibility.

Barber, the school's third-leading career rusher with 3,276 yards, has gained more than 1,000 yards each of the last two seasons. He and Laurence Maroney became the first teammates in Division I-A history to each rush for 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons.

Barber finished with 1,269 yards rushing with 11 touchdowns this past season.

Underclassmen had until Saturday to declare for the draft and have until Jan. 19 to withdraw their names.

Chargers from the NFL's worst team at 4-12 to the AFC West champions at 12-4 and won AP Coach of the Year honors. San Diego made the playoffs for the first time in nine seasons.

The Chargers were upset by the New York Jets in the wild-card round last Saturday, 20-17 in overtime. Schottenheimer's postseason record fell to 5-12 after his fifth straight playoff loss dating to 1993 with Kansas City.

Schottenheimer, 61, is 24-24 in three seasons with the Chargers.

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Chicago Bulls' Luol Deng, left, and Kirk Hinrich, right, compete for the ball with New York Knicks' Nazr Mohammed during the first quarter in Chicago on Saturday. The Bulls defeated the Knicks 86-84.

Curry layup lifts Bulls to sixth straight win

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Eddy Curry's layup with 2.4 seconds left sent the Chicago Bulls past the New York Knicks 86-84 on Saturday, their sixth straight victory.

The winning streak is Chicago's best since Michael Jordan led the team to 13 consecutive wins late in the 1997-98 championship season. The Bulls, who lost their first nine games this season, have won 12 of 15 overall.

Andres Nocioni sent up the winning score by blocking Trevor Ariza's jump shot. Tyson Chandler saved the ball from going out of bounds and threw it blindly to Kirk Hinrich, who fed Nocioni as he raced up the floor. Nocioni then passed it to Curry, who drove to the basket and put the Bulls ahead.

Chandler blocked Nazr Mohammed's shot with time running out to seal it.

Curry led the Bulls with 17 points. Hinrich had 15 points and 11 assists, and Ben Gordon scored 16 points — 14 in the fourth quarter.

Stephen Marbury led the Knicks with 25 points.

Ariza, a rookie, came off the bench to score 18 points and grab

nine rebounds in 37 minutes, all career highs.

Chicago came out firing in the second half, with Hinrich setting up Luol Deng for two straight three-pointers and Chris Duhon for one.

Ariza dunked with 35.9 seconds left in the third quarter and followed with an 18-foot jumper at the buzzer to give the Knicks a 65-56 advantage at the end of the third, their largest lead.

The Bulls fought back to even the score midway through the fourth. Hinrich's three-pointer cut the lead to 76-75 at 6:08. After a free throw by Moench Norris, Gordon tied it at 77 with 5:37 left.

Curry's hook at 3:02 gave the Bulls the lead, but Kurt Thomas responded with a 16-foot shot.

Thomas fouled Gordon on the Bulls' next possession, and the rookie hit both free throws to put Chicago up 83-81. Ariza then tied it with a jump shot.

Gordon followed by drawing another foul from Thomas, but only hit one free throw.

After being fouled by Gordon, Ariza made just one free throw to tie it again.

Adrian Griffin then missed two free throws for the Bulls, leading to Ariza's blocked shot.

Schottenheimer gets two-year extension

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — San Diego coach Marty Schottenheimer agreed Friday to a two-year contract extension with the Chargers that runs through the 2007 season.

Schottenheimer has one year remaining on his original four-year deal, which he signed in January 2002 and paid him \$2.5 million a season. Terms of the extension weren't immediately available.

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Hornets overcome

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damon Stoudamire's 54-point performance.

NEW ORLEANS — Dan Dickau's breakout season and Baron Davis' return to form have suddenly made the New Orleans Hornets a much tougher team to beat.

Dickau made six three-pointers and scored a career-high 25 points, leading the Hornets to their third victory in four games, 112-106 over the struggling Portland Trail Blazers on Friday night.

NBA roundup "I never consciously decided to start taking three-pointers," Dickau said. "A couple open ones popped up. I just knocked them down. Then I got a little more of a few more times, and if you're a shooter you've got to take it."

Davis, who returned from a back injury in late December, scored 22 points, including seven free throws in the final 1:03, to help New Orleans overcome Damon Stoudamire's 54-point performance.

Stoudamire set a career high and broke Geoff Petrie's franchise record of 51 points. The Portland star was 20-for-32 from the field and made eight three-pointers (tying the team record), while Stoudamire (Philadelphia), including one with 8 seconds left to make it 110-106. That came after Stoudamire was fouled on a three-point shot and made all three free throws.

Lee Nailon added 22 points for New Orleans, while Chris Anderson scored a season-high 21. Brown had 10 points and 12 rebounds as the Hornets outbounded the Trail Blazers 46-30. The Hornets had 19 offensive rebounds, leading to 25 second-chance points. New Orleans also outscored Portland 30-12 on free throws.

Stoudamire and Van Exel scored 23 points each on their teammates scored more than eight.

"I sure wish we could have had an inside score today so we could get a win," Stoudamire said. "We've just got to find somebody to throw that ball down low to who can take a little pressure off."

In the second half, Portland was really guarding me and Nick and saying, 'Hey, let other people beat us.'"

Pacers 101, Suns 83: Visiting Portland dropped its losing streak to 10, while Phoenix set its eighth NBA-best record to 31-4, losing Steve Nash to an injury after he took a bruised left thigh and did not return.

Wizards 105, Bucks 103: At Milwaukee, Larry Hughes made a driving layup with 0.7 seconds left, but Wes Matthews' eight games over 500 for his career did not return.

Clippers 114, Heat 112: At Los Angeles, Corey Maggette hit a fadeaway 25-footer with 0.5 seconds left in double-overtime to give the Clippers the victory.

Maggette scored 28, and Elton Brand had 29.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division | | | |
|-------------------|----|-----|----|
| New York | 17 | 472 | — |
| Boston | 12 | 469 | 16 |
| Philadelphia | 16 | 457 | 18 |
| Brooklyn | 12 | 453 | 19 |
| New Jersey | 12 | 343 | 40 |

| Southeast Division | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Miami | 28 | 118 | — |
| Washington | 13 | 118 | 47½ |
| Orlando | 19 | 117 | — |
| Atlanta | 6 | 112 | 19 |

| Central Division | | | |
|------------------|----|-----|----|
| Cleveland | 21 | 618 | — |
| Indiana | 14 | 600 | 16 |
| Indiana | 18 | 529 | 3 |
| Chicago | 12 | 525 | 9 |
| Memphis | 12 | 353 | 9 |

Western Conference

| Southwest Division | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|-----|
| San Antonio | 10 | 789 | 10½ |
| Dallas | 17 | 547 | 10 |
| Houston | 19 | 543 | 20 |
| Memphis | 19 | 514 | 10½ |
| New Orleans | 5 | 443 | 20 |

| Northwest Division | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Seattle | 25 | 743 | — |
| Minnesota | 18 | 514 | 6 |
| Portland | 15 | 509 | 10 |
| Denver | 21 | 447 | 11½ |
| Utah | 15 | 342 | 10½ |

| Pacific Division | | | |
|------------------|----|------|-----|
| Phoenix | 6 | 838 | — |
| Sacramento | 23 | 116 | 67½ |
| Golden State | 17 | 1063 | 10 |
| LA Clippers | 18 | 514 | 12 |
| Golden State | 12 | 297 | 20 |

| Friday's games | | | |
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| Indiana 101, Portland 106 | Philadelphia 106, Toronto 96 | San Antonio 106, Dallas 94 | San Antonio 106, Dallas 94 |
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| Chicago 86, New York 84 | Phoenix at Washington | LA Clippers at Houston | LA Clippers at Houston |
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Paul, owner boosts Wake Forest, helped Tar Heels' 14-game run

No. 4 Demon Deacons go 32-for-32 from the line in 95-82 victory

By KEITH PARSONS

The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Chris Paul wanted to win, and he got a reminder on just how to make that happen from Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser.

Coach always tells us this is a team game played by individuals," Paul said. "He says you have to beat your guy."

No problem there.

Paul dominated his point guard matchup with Raymond Felton, Aaron Downey had a season-high 18 points and the fourth-ranked Demon Deacons ran away from No. 3 North Carolina 95-82 Saturday.

Wake Forest (15-1, 4-0) set an Atlantic Coast Conference record by making all 32 free throws — falling two short of tying the NCAA mark — with Paul finishing 9-for-9. The 6-foot sophomore finished with 24 points, eight assists, six rebounds and five steals to overshadow Felton, who shot only 5-for-18 and had 16 points.

"He is a very, very talented player, very strong with an excellent work ethic," Prosser said. "He also can read and watch television, so

he knew the magnitude of this game, and I think he stepped up to the challenge."

Downey, as his team's unexpected boost. A senior whose playing time decreased with the emergence of Paul, he came in averaging only 7.6 points.

"I've said before and I'll say again, he's one of the most selfless players I've ever coached," Prosser said. "And for that, he's also one of the most popular among his teammates."

Downey beat his average by making three consecutive three-pointers during a 90-second stretch of the first half to give the Deacons their first lead at 14-13, and the score was tied only once after that.

"Big-time players like to play on a big stage," Downey said. "When the stage is big, I play better."

The Tar Heels (14-2, 3-1), who lost for the first time since their opener at Santa Clara, were in foul trouble throughout the game. Jackie Manuel, Marvin Williams and David Noel all fouled out, and Rashad McCants finished with 19 points.

McCants scored 19 points and Williams added 15 for North Carolina.

"We just have to put everything in perspective," said Tar Heels center Sean May, who was held to nine points. "It's one game in conference play. We can't hold on to this forever, but we do go to think about some things, things we did wrong and how we didn't have each other's backs out there."

Because of a quirk in the scheduling for the newly expanded ACC, this was the only meeting of the regular season where the teams, the first time since 1922 they haven't played a home-and-home series.

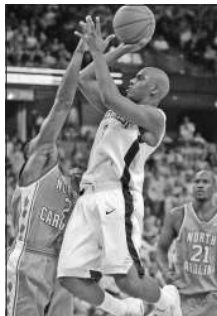
It also was the first time they've played while both were ranked in the top five.

"We might play them in the ACC tournament or the NCAA tournament, but if we don't, we got this one," Paul said.

McCants picked up his fourth foul about a minute into the second half and sat on the bench for 10 minutes. When he returned, he tried to rally North Carolina by himself, scoring 12 points down the stretch.

"I felt saying that if I didn't have those four fouls, there would've been no telling where the game would've went," McCants said. "It was hard, real hard."

Wake Forest took control with a 10-0



Wake's Chris Paul (31) won his matchup against Raymond Felton (22), finishing with 24 points, eight assists and six rebounds.

spurt early in the second half, with four players contributing. Downey finished it off by getting fouled on a three and making three free throws to put the Deacons ahead 53-38, and North Carolina threatened only a couple of times.

"In the second half, we were much more competitive," Tar Heels coach Roy Williams said. "I'm disappointed in the result, but I think it was a heck of a college basketball game."

Warrick helps No. 7 Orange thwart Friars

The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Josh Pace turned the ball over against Providence's press on consecutive plays during the first half.

Turnovers didn't cost Syracuse the game.

Pace hit the final two baskets and the seventh-ranked Orange held on to beat Providence 75-71 on Saturday after the Friars took advantage of his mistakes to erase most of a 14-point deficit.

"Josh Pace is our most efficient player," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "He made a couple of turnovers he doesn't usually make, but he made up for it with the clock winding down."

Pace scored 14 points and Hakim Warrick had 25 points, 12 rebounds and a key steal with 3.3 seconds left to help Syracuse (17-1, 4-0 Big East) win its 10th straight.

Dwight Brewington had 21 points and eight rebounds for Providence and Ryan Gomes, who averages 21 points, had 14.

Providence (9-7, 0-2) fell to 0-3 against ranked teams and lost its third straight since the start of conference play during 5 minutes and 13 Boston College in the final 5 minutes taking Villanova into overtime. I can put my hand in the sand and say, "We're in, but no one cares," Providence coach Tim Welsh said. "We've got to get going quickly. I see some light but it's not bright enough, yet."

In other Top 25 games Saturday:

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 83, Iowa St. 73: At Stillwater, Okla., Joey Gramack and Ivan McFarlin each scored 20 points and Eddie Sutton moved into seventh place in career coaching wins.

Sutton won his 768th game to pass Henry Iba, his mentor who coached him during his 36 years at Oklahoma State. After the game, school officials announced they would name the court at Gallagher-Iba Arena after Sutton.

John Lewis added 17 points and Stephen Graham scored 11 for the Cowboys (13-1,

3-0 Big 12), who won for the 24th straight time at home.

Curtis Stinson had 20 points to lead the Cyclones (8-0, 0-3).

No. 9 Kentucky 76, Georgia 55: At Athens, Ga., Patrick Sparks scored 15 points against his former coach and coach Hayes McCants finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds for Kentucky (12-2, 3-0 Southeastern Conference), which led by as many as 30 before taking it easy down the stretch.

Georgia (6-8) dropped to 0-4 in the SEC for the first time since 1998, when the Bulldogs opened league play with an 0-5 mark.

Kentucky's dominance was most evident on the boards; the Wildcats held a 44-18 rebounding advantage.

Hayes, a senior, surpassed 1,000 points in his career.

No. 10 Texas 63, Nebraska 53: At Lincoln, Neb., Daniel Gibson scored all 12 of his points in the final 14:32 to help Texas overcome its second straight dismal shooting performance.

The Longhorns (13-3, 2-1 Big 12) bounced back from a 74-63 road loss to Texas A&M on Wednesday. But freshman forward LaMarcus Aldridge, who had 10 points and eight rebounds, injured his knee with 6:57 left and did not return.

No. 11 Mississippi St. 80, Arkansas 55: At Starkville, Miss., Lawrence Roberts had 17 points and 10 rebounds, Marcus Campbell had 15 points and Antonio Harper added 12 for the Bulldogs (15-3, 3-1 Southeastern Conference), who held the Razorbacks almost 24 points below their average to win their third straight in the series and ninth straight at home.

Jonathan Modica had 14 points to lead Arkansas (12-4, 1-3), who lost its third straight. Leading scorer Ronnie Brewer was held to seven points, 11 below his average.

No. 12 Connecticut 78, Rutgers 64: At Hartford, Conn., the Huskies had 20 points and 12 rebounds while Charlie Villanueva had 14 points, tied his career-high with 14 rebounds and blocked six shots for the Huskies (0-3, 2-1 Big East), who outscored Rutgers 58 in the paint.

Freshman Rudy Gay added 14 points, six blocks and eight rebounds for Connecticut, which scored the first eight points of the game and never trailed.

Marquis Webb had 16 points and Quincy Douby added 13 for the Scarlet Knights (6-7, 0-3), who lost their fourth in a row.

No. 19 Louisville 69, N. 18 Cincinnati 66: At Cincinnati, Larry O'Bannon got open under the basket for an uncontested reverse layup with 11 seconds to play, completing Louisville's comeback from a 17-point first-half deficit.

The Cardinals (14-3, 3-1 Conference USA) got shoved around early and were rattled by Cincinnati's unrelenting man-to-man coverage. Louisville asserted itself inside in the second half, and Tasquin Dean found his mark from behind the arc.

Dean scored 25 points, giving seven of 13 from behind the arc.

There were three ties in the final 4 minutes before freshman Juan Palacios' tip-in put Louisville ahead to stay 67-65.

Nick Williams led Cincinnati (14-2, 3-1) with 18 points, going six of eight from behind the arc. James White added 15 points.

No. 20 Pittsburgh 67, Seton Hall 63: At Pittsburgh, Chevon Troutman had 23 points as Pittsburgh closed the game on an 11-3 run after making only one field goal over a stretch of almost 9 minutes.

Seton Hall (12-3, 1-3) lost its third straight, outscored Pitt 24-13 from the 13:39 mark of the second half when there was 4:45 to play.

Pitt (12-2, 2-1 Big East) outscored the Pirates 36-20 in the paint.

The Pirates (9-8, 0-3) were without junior guard Donald Copeland, who was too ill to make the trip to Pittsburgh.

Massachusetts 76, No. 21 George Washington 74 (OT): With less than a sec-

ond to play in overtime, Rashawn Freeman caught Anthony Anderson's pass and laid it in the basket in one motion, giving Massachusetts the victory in Washington.

Freeman finished with season-highs of 27 points and 15 rebounds for the Minutemen (8-6, 2-2 Atlantic 10), who are 2-0 this season against ranked opponents. They defeated Connecticut at home last month.

UMass was given a chance to win after George Washington's J.R. Pinnock, an 87.5 percent free throw shooter entering the game, missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 18 seconds to play.

UMass' Maurice Maxwell tied the game with a three-pointer with 49 seconds left.

Pinnock scored 15 points to lead the Colonials (11-3, 3-1), who overcame an 18-point second-half deficit.

No. 24 Iowa 66, Minnesota 60: At Iowa City, Iowa, Pierre Pierce scored 18 points and Iowa (13-1, 2-1 Big Ten) ended Minnesota's 10-game winning streak despite not scoring a field goal in the final 10:45.

The Gophers (12-4, 2-1) shot just 29 percent (9-for-31) in the first half and 33 percent for the game.

Lehigh holds on to beat Navy

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Joe Knight scored 25 points to lead defending Patriot League champion Lehigh to a 67-62 victory over Navy on Saturday.

Navy (41-1) trailed 59-43 with 9:20 to play but went on a 17-1 run to tie it at 60-60 with 4:07 remaining.

After Lehigh took a 65-60 lead, Navy tied it again on a three-point basket by Taj Matthews with 1:30 to play.

Joe Olivero, who scored seven of his 10 points in the final 2:22, made four free throws over the final 1:17 to clinch the victory for Lehigh (9-7).

Matthews led Navy with 16 points.

Poor putting costs Wie shot at weekend

15-year-old struggles on greens, misses cut by seven in Sony Open

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Her cheeks were stained with dried tears. A box of tissue was at her feet if she needed them.

Only after her week at the Sony Open was over did 15-year-old Michelle Wie finally get her age.

"I'm just going to go for some retail therapy," she said.

She might have better luck in the mall. The kid couldn't buy a pair of Waialae Country Club.

The result was a 4-over 74 in the second round on Friday, with a three-putt from 8 feet for triple bogey on her sixth hole that shattered her hopes of becoming the first female in 60 years to make the cut on the PGA Tour.

Wie ended on a positive note with a 10-foot birdie putt, walking off the 18th green with a rare smile.

All that got her was a tie for 128th, better than 14 men and the same score as Paul Casey, who four months ago was playing for Europe in the Ryder Cup.

She finished at 9-over 149, seven shots below the cut line and 17 shots behind Shigeki Maruyama, who had a one-shot lead over Justin Rose and Brett Quigg.

Wie said, "I think I just tried too hard."

The expectations were higher, especially after the she shot 68 in

the second round last year with birdies on two of the last three holes to miss the cut by one shot. It was the best score by a female competing on a men's tour.

"Missing the cut by one last year, I kind of took it for granted that I was going to play better," Wie said. "Last year, everything went too easily."

But she faced tougher odds this time around, mainly the strong Kona wind that came out of the opposite direction and made it difficult to find fairways.

Wie's problems came on the greens. She didn't make the birdie putts when she had them, and by the end of the round, the par putts became trouble. And the triple bogey crushed her spirit.

"I was like, 'Oh, God, this is not what I wanted,'" Wie said.

"Missing putt after putt, your shoes kind of get heavier and it gets harder, because your confidence goes down. Then you make a couple of bogeys and I thought, 'It's just not my day today.'"

Maybe it just wasn't a day for youth.

Four players from the Champions Tour all made the cut, including 53-year-old Dick Mast. He qualified Monday, then tied his career low with a 64 on Friday and was only six shots out of the lead.

Craig Stadler (69), Peter Jacobson (68) and Tom Kite (71) all get to stick around another week.

Not so for Wie.

Her hopes came undone when



Michelle Wie can't get her putt to drop in on the 17th green during the second round of the Sony Open on Friday at the Waialae Country Club in Honolulu. Wie finished the round 9-over, seven shots below the cut line.

she was even par for the round, needing a 67 to make the cut, and her tee shot found the right rough on the sixth hole, blocked by tall, skinny palms. Wie found an opening and tried to play a low hook around the trees, but the ball never made it back to the short grass.

She left her wedge short, chipped over a hump to 8 feet and took three putts before she was done.

And then she was done.

"I thought, 'OK, make six birdies instead of three.' I really tried out there," she said.

Maruyama made it look easy, jumping into contention by playing a three-hole stretch around the turn in 4 under par—an iron to 3 feet on the eighth, holing the bunker shot for eagle on the par-5 first, and making a 20-foot birdie on the 10th. He held it together the rest of the way and was at 8-under-132.

"I was worried about my game, first tournament of the year," he said. "I'm not nervous now."

L.A.'s Gagne among 89 to file for arbitration

By RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

Eric Gagne, Lance Berkman and Ben Sheets were among the players who filed for salary arbitration Friday, joining Roger Clemens in the process baseball management hates most.

Clemens, who became a free agent after the season, accepted Houston's offer of arbitration last month and will be among those who exchange proposed salaries with their teams on Tuesday.

Clemens, who still has not decided whether to retire, is coming off his record seventh Cy Young Award and could propose a record amount in arbitration, topping the \$18.5 million filed by New York Yankees ace Steve Lincecum before the 2001 season.

Following the departures of Carlos Beltran and Jeff Kent, Houston might feel pressure to retain Clemens, who became a free agent last year, his first season with his hometown Astros.

Philadelphia second baseman Placido Polanco and Seattle left-hander Vinny Castilla also became free agents and accepted arbitration. The other players in arbitration all have less than six years of major league service.

Major baseball owners resist arbitration because it forces them to pay their players as much as comparable players on other teams.

Eighty-nine players are in arbitration, but many are expected to agree to contracts before the scheduled swap of proposed salaries.

Three players settled before the union submitted the filings Friday, with Chicago White Sox center fielder Aaron Rowand agreeing to a deal that guarantees

him \$8.5 million over the next three seasons. Oakland designated hitter Erubiel Durazo accepted a \$4.7 million, one-year contract, and Washington first baseman Nick Johnson agreed to a \$14.5 million, one-year deal.

After filing, San Diego right-hander Scott Linebrink agreed to a two-year contract that guarantees him \$2.275 million. Gagne, the 2003 NL Cy Young Award winner, was awarded \$5 million by an arbitrator last year rather than his \$8 million request from the Los Angeles Dodgers. Owners won four of seven cases that went to hearings and lead players 263-197 since arbitration began in 1974.

Berkman, who is eligible for free agency after next season, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in November while playing flag football and is expected to miss the start of the season. Sheets, eligible for free agency after the 2006 season, was 12-14 with a 2.70 ERA and 264 strikeouts for Milwaukee last year.

Among free agents, outfielder Paul Mondesi agreed to a \$1 million, one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves. He played for Pittsburgh and Anaheim last year, but his season was cut short by a lawsuit that occupied his time and a leg injury.

"You look at stats up through 2003 and he is averaging almost 30 home runs a year and almost 90 RBIs and he's a Gold Glove caliber outfielder," said the manager John Schuerholz.

"We really think he adds a lot of substance to our outfield."

Right-handed Chad Fox agreed to a minor league contract with the Chicago Cubs and would get a \$575,000, one-year deal if he is added to the major league roster.

Real Salt Lake takes Besagno, 16, first in MS draft

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Nicolas Besagno, 16, was the only one to describe his feelings when expansion team Real Salt Lake made him the top pick in the Major League Soccer draft Friday.

"Shock," Besagno said.

The 16-year-old midfielder from Maple Valley, Wash., is the second-youngest player to be drafted No. 1. Freddy Adu was 14 years old when he was picked last year by D.C. United.

"It's an honor," Besagno said. "The first draft pick's always the one everyone notices. It's just amazing."

Besagno played 20 games with the Under-17 U.S. men's national team and will be reunited at Real Salt Lake coach Steve Gilinger.

"He has all the tools to be a very young star in this league," Gilinger said. "Knowing what I know, there's no way I'm going to get anyone else like him. That's why I had to get him with the first pick."

The first round was loaded with defensive talent. Seven of the top

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12 picks were defenders, two were defensive midfielders and one was a goalkeeper.

Club Deportivo Chivas USA, an expansion team that will play in Los Angeles this season, selected South Carolina goalkeeper Brad Guzan with the second pick.

**Judge dismisses parts of
Neuhsel suit, keeps core issue**

SEATTLE — A judge threw out part of former Washington football coach Rick Neuhsel's wrongful termination lawsuit Friday, saying he was not entitled to pursue his claim of defamation against the NCAA.

Neuhsel's attorneys' central claims — that the university wrongly fired him and that the NCAA wrongfully meddled in the case — will be allowed to go to trial later this year.

The trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 24.

In four seasons with the Huskies, Neuhsel compiled a 33-16

record, including a Rose Bowl victory in 2001 and a No. 3 national ranking. Former athletic director Barbara Hedges fired him in June 2003 after he lied to her about interviewing for a job with the San Francisco 49ers and about his participation in NCAA men's basketball gambling pools.

**Nene, Olowokandi
suspended four games each**

NEW YORK — Denver forward Nene and Minnesota center Michael Olowokandi were each suspended four games Saturday by the NBA for fighting.

The two squared off late in the third quarter of the Timberwolves' 93-83 victory in Denver on Friday night.

Olowokandi bumped Nene twice as they fought for a rebound at Minnesota's end, then Nene pushed him away. Olowokandi pushed Nene in the face, and the Nuggets' forward charged in throwing punches, landing one in the side of Olowokandi's head.

Both players flailed at each other for several seconds in front of the scorer's table before being separated.

Nuggets forward Marcus Camby and center Francisco Elson were suspended one game each for leaving the bench area during the altercation.

**Walchofer wins downhill
on Lauberhorn; Miller third**

WENGEN, Switzerland — Michael Walchofer led Austria to a 1-2 finish in a World Cup downhill Saturday while overall leader Bode Miller was third on the famed Lauberhorn, the longest course on the circuit.

Walchofer covered the demanding 2.8-mile run in 2 minutes, 27 seconds, 0.09 ahead of Christoph Gruber. It was the first downhill victory of the season for Walchofer, the reigning world champion in the discipline. Miller was 0.18 behind the winner and managed to take third despite skipping the morning inspection run. The American stretched his overall lead to 258 points.

**Goetsch wins Cup downhill;
Kostelic takes overall lead**

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Austria's Renate Goetsch on

Saturday won a women's downhill for her third victory in four days. Croatia's Janica Kostelic showed she is back at the summit of World Cup skiing after missing all of last season.

Goetsch posted a winning time of 1 minute, 37.77 seconds — 0.29 ahead of Kostelic, who took the lead in the overall World Cup standings. Lindsey Kildow of the United States finished third, 0.44 behind, for her sixth top-three finish this season.

**Penn St. guard out for season
due to clot in brain**

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State starting guard Mark Smith is expected to miss the remainder of the season after being diagnosed with a partial blockage of an artery in his brain.

Smith has a "very transient, very temporary blockage in his artery related to a small blood clot," Dr. William J. Gombert, Penn State's director of athletic medicine, said Saturday.

Smith will be on a blood thinner for 30 months, preventing him from playing any contact sports. It is unclear when he might return to play.

